

February 2012

From Your Interim Pastor

This New Year of the Lord is in God's Hands. Thank God!
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

We are in God's hands, and there is nothing we can do about that fact. God created us and we are God's and not our own. That is very good news.

Because -- On our own, by our own wisdom and wit we have managed again and again to create a time of chaos and crisis, of uncertainty and anxiety, of fear and even dread. How much we live on the edge - of difficulties, disasters, disease and death.

But in God's hands we know ourselves to be children of the light and loved. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son . . ." We discover over and over again that there is no place where God's light of love cannot shine. No darkness that cannot be brightened with hope.

In the darkness of this time of year, in the shadow of the sadness that the economic woes have cast over us all, in the face of the serious challenges ahead in almost every area of our lives -- still -- from a rude stable, out of the life that a poor baby child would grow to live, and from a cross he would bear for our sake and our salvation, come words of hope and promise.

He came to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives. He came that we might reclaim our hope for the future. He came that we might see a way to live more nearly as God intended us to live -- in harmony with ourselves, with others and with creation.

As challenging as the time is ahead of us, as hard as it will be to be positive, especially for those who have lost jobs or face other struggles, or for our Church, smaller by far than ten years ago, there is a good word for us in God's word, that can guide and encourage and comfort us.

The light did shine in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. I am convinced, turning toward the light, the light of the freedom offered in Christ; we can help *make His blessings flow . . .* flow through us. As the writer Wolfe notes

Now show the world the God you love. Place him first in your heart above the luster of things. Mirror Christ in your soul as he claims your personality; Bestir your mind to see his will in yourself within and the world without; And use your strength - your time, your talent, your treasure, your life -- for God's glory, in the only way you can, as you love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Not a bad late New Year's resolution . . . to be ambassadors for Christ. Let's just do it -- together. God's rich and good blessings on you in this new year of the Lord.

Faithfully,
David Robertson, Interim Pastor



Prayers

Care through Prayer for our loved ones in the Armed Forces:

Chaplain Major Timothy S. Moermond, United States Air Force; David Johnson, National Guard; Captain Mike Dumas, United States Air Force; Captain Jeffrey VanSickle, United States Army; Cadet Michael VanSickle, United States Military Academy; Major Tom Kapla, United States Army; Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Carothers, United States Air Force; Private Second Class Bryce E. Tunnell, United States Army; Col. Harry Tunnell, United States Army; Sergeant Michael Miner, United States Army; Second Lieutenant Justin Mishler, United States Army; SPC William S. Milford, United States Army; Chaplain – Major David Kelley, United States Army Reserve; Dustin Risk, United States Army; Ty Joseph Sackett, First Lieutenant United States Army Reserves; Lance Corporal Matthew Morrison, United States Marines

Sympathy

To the family and friends of Ruth Davies, December 12, 2011 and Randall Krzyzaniak, December 13, 2011.

To the family and friends of Anna Quayle, December 27, 2011.

To Mark and Stephanie Spence and family in the passing of Mark's father, Alexander Spence, in Cleveland, January 7.

To Bob and Jean Hedlund in the passing of Jean's sister, Janis Masters, January 2, in Detroit.

To Dolores Daudt in the passing of her brother-in-law Louis Rodney "Lou" Daudt, January 13 in Seaford, Delaware.

To Julie and Mike Hays and family in the passing of Julie's mother, Eileen Dresselhaus, January 16, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

To Wallace and Lindsay Mayton and family on the passing of his father, Wallace Howard Mayton, Jr., in Dallas, January 16.

Congratulations

To Joshua and Carrie (Sackett) Yatch on the baptism of their son Cole David Yatch in worship on January 8.

To Ashley (Barriger) and Bill Garchow on the birth of Liam Niklas, December 26, 2011.

To Margaret (Dot) Ryden on the celebration of her 100th birthday, January 13.

To Tai-Sam Choo and Carol Staples on their wedding celebration, December 27, 2011, in the Chapel.

To Ruth Brown on her recognition with the Honorarium of Presbyterian Women of Memorial Presbyterian Church at its Annual Meeting, January 11. Also honored posthumously was Bertha E. R. Strosacker.

To Virginia Sears on the celebration of her 97th birthday, January 27.

To *Howard Moe* as the great-great-grandfather celebrates within his family five generations with the birth of Kinsley Rapin.

100th Birthday Celebrated



We wish Margaret "Dot" Ryden love and thanksgiving on the celebration of her 100th birthday, January 13. Dot celebrated the occasion with family, including her son Tom Ryden (Linda) and daughter Anne Caldwell (Dick) at King's Daughters Home with the flair of root beer floats.

Music Ministry



Members and friends of Memorial Presbyterian Church, our **new organ** will be delivered on March 6! Plan to bring old blankets on Sunday, March 4 to help protect our pews. Tuesday morning, March 6, we will need a crew of folks to help unload the trucks. No heavy lifting required, and food provided.

Sunday, February 26 is a special day for Memorial Presbyterian Church. There is only one service at 10:45 a.m. with our children's musical Faith Hall of Fame, followed by our annual congregational meeting. If you are curious about our new organ, you can attend an information meeting immediately following the congregational meeting in the Sanctuary. We will have returned from Quebec on an inspection trip, and there will be lots of pictures to see.

Concert Series planned: Beginning with our official organ dedication events on Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23, Memorial Presbyterian Church plans to offer to the Midland community a series of concerts and events. If you are interested in helping plan and produce the events, please contact the music and arts office.

Remembrance among Friends

Thank you for the abundant expressions of care and sympathy. In place of an obituary, I have been asked to share among friends a summary of a life and faith that continues to inspire and motivate me. This is a tribute to my father.

It is better to live rich, than to die rich. (Samuel Johnson)

How do we give testimony to the life of a person whose only wish in death was “to find his rest under home plate”?

Wallace Howard Mayton, Jr., age 98, January 4, 1914 – January 16, 2012, son of Wallace H. Sr., and Minnie Lee (Boykin) Mayton, was a native of Mobile, Alabama. Educated at Wright’s School for Boys (University Military School), he received his B.S. degree from Southwestern at Memphis (Rhodes College) where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He married Ann Bolling Eckert of Memphis on April 1, 1943. His career as Director of Continuing Education and Conferences for the University of Tennessee Medical School (Center for Health Sciences) combined his relational gifts with his respect for medical sciences. He served as Elder and within the Usher Guild of Idlewild Presbyterian Church. He volunteered as leader of its youth ministry, directed recreation for its annual family camps at Camp NaCoMe, and coached a generation of boys in baseball and basketball. Inspired by the ministry of recreation, he envisioned and implemented the beginnings of the church’s present recreation outreach, including the hiring of a Director and planning the construction of its gymnasium. He was a member of the University Club of Memphis. He served as President of the Alumni Council for Rhodes College. Upon his retirement, he married Mary Jean (Smith) Johnson of Clarksdale, Mississippi. He became a member of First United Methodist Church and the Clarksdale Rotary Club in which he served as President and District Governor. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a founder of *The Depot* community outreach to provide meals to neighbors in need. Moving to Baton Rouge, he became a member of First United Methodist Church and active volunteer at Our Lady of the Lake Medical Center where he was awarded Volunteer of the Year. His most recent years were enjoyed under the care of his son Maury and daughter-in-law Karen in Dallas.

“Wally” was predeceased by his wife Ann in 1974 and his wife Mary Jean in 2009; his sister Olivia Mayton Johnstone (Mrs. C.A.L., Jr.) of Mobile; and his daughter Ann Bolling Mayton Gregory (Mrs. Robert W., III) of Memphis and San Pablo, California. He is survived by sons Wallace Howard, III (Lindsay) of Midland, Michigan and Maury Weisiger (Karen) Mayton of Carrollton, Texas; five granddaughters, Sarah Katherine (Mayton) Gemignani (Mrs. John A.) of Waxhaw, NC; CaryAnn Eckert (Mayton) Wonderly (Mrs. Christopher R.) of Matthews, NC; Rebecca Bolling Mayton of Louisville, Kentucky; Abbott Thomsen Mayton of Midland; and Patricia Wallace Mayton of Charlotte, NC; two great-granddaughters Mia Katherine and Lauren Gianna Gemignani; his cousin and friend, Colonel James H. Boykin, Jr., of Newnan, Georgia; and his nephew and three nieces, George Eckert Malone (Susan) of Memphis; Lucie (Malone) Brennan (Mrs. William) of Santa Fe, New Mexico; Cary (Malone) Moran (Mrs. John) of Houston; and Virginia (Johnstone) Smith (Mrs. Frederick L.) of Birmingham, Alabama. He is also survived by stepchildren Aileen (Johnson) Young of Baton Rouge and Thomas Johnson of Los Angeles and step-granddaughter Mary Allison Johnson of Baton Rouge.

A family memorial service will be held at the Memorial Garden at Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, North Carolina.

He especially enjoyed the hospitality of Memorial Presbyterian Church during his summer visits and his involvement with Vacation Bible School. We are grateful for such times. Creating new friendships was his strength.

He has run the bases. Welcome “home,” Dad!

Wallace, III

In the News . . .

Grace Kendall provided handbell accompaniment to the selection *Alleluia, Rejoice* and vocal solo to *Ave Maria* at the Winter Program *Now the Winter* of Midland High School Meistersingers and Chorus in our Sanctuary, December 21, 2011. She is the daughter of Sarah and Kirk Fisher and the late Peter Kendall and the granddaughter of Jim and Tooney Kendall.

Guy Lynch, George Widiger, and Elizabeth Neithamer with the Midland Holiday Ensemble offered programs throughout the community during the Christmas season, including a program for the Midland Kiwanis Club, December 19, 2011.

William R. Bowen has been re-elected to serve as Chairman of the Board of Bay Medical Center.

Justin Huntress and members of the Vanderbilt University Marching Band performed at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, December 30, 2011. Justin is the son of Kristie Sherrell and Michael Huntress and the grandson of Arnie and Betty Huntress.

Andrew Maxwell and the Michigan State University Football Team played in the Outback Bowl in Tampa, January 2, 2012. Andrew is the son of Karen and Mark Maxwell.

We thank Tyler Huntress for his message to the congregation on January 1, 2012, in morning worship. Tyler is the son of Kristie Sherrell and Michael Huntress and the grandson of Betty and Arnie Huntress. He is a student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Bobbie Arnold has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Council of Michigan Foundations. She serves as President and CEO of the Charles J. Strosacker Foundation.

William Snover participates in the Via de Cristo Men's Weekend, January 19-22, 2012 at Peace Lutheran Church in Saginaw.

Carole Calvert-Baxter, Sharon Leenhouts, Stacey Gannon, and Sharon Miller serve on the 2012 Great Lakes Bay Region Go Red for Women Conference Leadership Committee. Carole serves as Event Chair. Stacey serves on the Executive Fundraising Committee. The event will be held February 10 at Midland Country Club to benefit the American Heart Association.

Patrick Hnizda participates in the Via de Christo Men's Retreat Weekend, January 19-22, at Peace Lutheran Church in Saginaw.

Mardi Gras Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 25 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Please note the date has changed!!



The Chancel Choir is sponsoring a Mardi Gras dinner dance on Saturday February 25. **Please note the date change.** This is not a fund raiser. It's a spirit lifter from the cold winter months stuck in the house. It will be a night of delicious food and great live music. Tickets are \$20 each and will be available each Sunday starting January 29 through February 19 after each service in the Allen Street Lobby or at the reception desk during the week. You don't need to bring a date. Feel free to ask your friends to come. The meal will consist of appetizers, BBQ ribs, garlic chicken, salads, vegetable, potato and King cake. The evening event will be from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Good food, good music, good fun. Please join us for an evening of fun.

The Financial Facts for Memorial Presbyterian Church A Stark Financial Reality

The Leadership Team at Memorial Presbyterian Church is grateful for the generous giving of its members in 2011. Now the new commitments that are made by us toward the 2012 Vision Budget will help Memorial Presbyterian Church grow in doing His work.

Here is the stark reality. We have lost nearly \$80,000 in annual support from pledges and gifts because of deaths, job transfers, out of state relocations following retirement and changed life circumstances of faithful members.

Even with the new and increased commitments already received for 2012, at this time we are still approximately \$60,000 short of what is needed to continue the ministry and mission of Memorial Presbyterian Church without cuts in program, staff or mission. No additional unrestricted investment funds are available to cover this gap.

It is important to Memorial Presbyterian Church program and mission planning that, where possible, every member of Memorial Presbyterian Church make a commitment for 2012. If every member who gave in 2011 continues to give as much or more in 2012, and if members who currently provide no support are also able to give to the Church, we will be able to continue our same ministries in 2012

Only our support - our thanksgiving to God for the blessings in our lives, can make this possible.

Signs of Hope

There are signs of hope. Renewed pledges, increased giving, and new pledges, are a sign that we, the members of Memorial Presbyterian Church, care deeply for our church and its mission and are willing to support God's work through Memorial Presbyterian Church.

If all join in this effort, we can empower Memorial Presbyterian Church, and our much anticipated new Lead Pastor, in fulfilling Vision 2012, thus continuing to strengthen our mission for Christ in Midland and far beyond.

We express our grateful thanks to all who have responded to date. Your sharing, your giving, makes possible the good that Memorial Presbyterian Church is able to do in Midland and beyond. For those able still to respond, commitment cards are available at church, or gifts may simply be mailed to the Memorial Presbyterian Church.

It is remarkable what we can do together in the name of Christ.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Your Mission and Stewardship Committee

2012 - Proposed Vision 2012 Operating Budget	<u>\$ 1,455,743</u>
Pledges received to date	795,000
Anticipated pledges from 2011 records	65,000
Other income (Plate, Mission, Gifts, Rent)	49,900
Total Budget income from non-living sources	453,520
Perpetual pledges from member planned giving	<u>70,747</u>
Total Budget Income	<u>1,434,167</u>
Short Fall – To be covered either by additional pledges and gifts or reduction in the staff, services and mission giving of MPC.	<u>\$ (21,576)</u>

Living Giving – Our Gifts provide approximately 47% of the total funds that support the life and ministries and missions of Midland Memorial Presbyterian Church. Only current undesignated giving is available for the officers in planning for what kind of Church, what kind of programs, staff and mission budget will mark the life of Memorial Church. **We, the members of Memorial Presbyterian Church, determine the kind of Church our Church will be.**

Adult Ministry

New Event! Your Christian Education Committee invites you to City Forest on Sunday, February 26, 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. for the first-annual “*Winter Warmth Festival*.” Join others for a good time of fun and fellowship!

New Topic! Contemporary Issues: Participate in lively discussions about “What Do our Non-Christian Neighbors Believe?” on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor. This group will finish their lessons on Islam, in preparation for Peace Weekend which happens February 10 through 12.

New Group! Read through New Testament: Join a small group that meets on **second and fourth Saturdays, February 11 and 25**, 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. in the Colonial Room. The reading plan can be found online at www.navpress.com/uploadedfiles/5x5x5BRP.pdf. Contact Linda Kennett at 832-7928 or lbkennett@hotmail.com for more information.

E100: This group is designed as both refresher course and introduction to the Bible. Over the next months, you are invited to informative lecture and discussion about New Testament. This class meets Sunday mornings, 9:45 in the Cherry Room.

Spiritual Autobiography: Read a spiritual memoir and discuss it with small group of friends who seek to share and learn from one another. Our next discussion is **Tuesday, February 21**, 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the Colonial Room. We will discuss “Dakota: A Spiritual Geography” by Kathleen Norris. Please contact Reverend Cathy Chang for “Spiritual Reading” guidelines—hope that you can join us!

Weekly Bible Study: After a brief break, this group will continue to meet on **Wednesdays**, 9:30 a.m. in the Colonial Room with their study on the book of John. You are invited to join this Bible study- even if you didn’t participate in the fall. Contact Reverend Cathy Chang for the Bible study book.

Join our Team: Your Adult Ministry Team consists of a small group of people who create and evaluate wonderful opportunities for all adults. For 2012, we are excited about the following ideas: presentations about end-of-life issues; support for a men’s group; parenting seminar; and theologian-in-residence. Are you interested in any of these ideas? Consider joining the Adult Ministry to help **transform** these ideas into reality! For more information, please contact Dave Molzahn, Chair; Jim Dempsey, Mary Ann Gilbert, George Gillette, David Kelley, John Smith or the Reverend Cathy Chang, Staff.

Blankets and Tools Sunday



Our congregation is participating in the Church World Service Blankets and Tools Program again this year, with an offering on Sunday, March 11, 2012. This is a special mission opportunity that can involve us all. Some 8000

congregations and groups across the United States hold Tools and Blankets offerings that provide resources to help people in some 80 nations, including the United States.

This program provides tools that help make a difference in the lives of children and families, whether they are faced with an emergency or struggling to feed themselves. Gifts to Tools and Blankets also provide blankets and tents and other emergency shelter items in the wake of disaster. Refugees returning home are helped with tools and seeds to replant fields. Those living in drought-plagued area are helped to dig wells for drinking water and for irrigation.

Special envelopes will be available in the pews and other areas of the church in late February and the offering will be taken March 11. With this program, a little goes a long, long way. Please pick up an envelope and be a part of bringing hope to those who have little hope.

Special Gift Promotes 2012 Anniversary

The Session upon recommendation of the Memorial and Special Gifts Committee provided a grant to the Midland County Historical Society for its 2012 Girl Scout Exhibit at Heritage Park. The Exhibit is entitled, *100 Years and S'more: A Century of Girl Scouting*. The special gift is made in tribute to the Girl Scouts organization in Midland County and its volunteer leaders through the County’s history. Gary Skory, Midland County Historical Society Director, writes,

This donation helps provide the necessary funds to allow us to display and interpret the various aspects of our local and regional history. This exhibit will be displayed in the Rotating Exhibits Gallery this spring through fall. We would like to encourage you to stop by and view it at that time. Thank you for the generous donation and for your continued interest in the Midland County Historical Society.

Presbyterian 101

If I am Presbyterian what's different about me from Baptists, Methodists, Roman Catholics, Muslims or Jews? If I am Presbyterian, what is special about my Church and my faith? How does being Presbyterian help me understand the best ways to live and to live in those ways?

Know your faith. What is it I believe? Grow your faith. What are the possible answers to some of my questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, good and evil and non-Christian religions. Join us from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Colonial Room on **Sundays, February 5 and 12**. This class is led by Pastors Robertson and Chang. All are invited, with special invitation to parents of youth attending the Confirmation Class.

2012 Lenten Series: Prayer Services with Communion and Study

Join us each Wednesday during Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22 through April 4, for prayer services and study of Lenten themes: Prayer, Fasting, Study, Service, Sharing and Witness. Meet us in Fellowship with brown bag lunch at 11:30 a.m., class from Noon to 1:00 p.m. This class will be led by Pastors Robertson and Chang.

Thank You for Supporting the 2011 Alternative Christmas Gift Fair

Once again the Alternative Christmas Gift Fair was faithfully and generously supported by our congregation. Whether you donated to H.E.L.P. Food Pantry, purchased items from Uganda, bought a "part of a cow" from Heifer or supported any of the other wonderful organizations, you have made a meaningful difference in the lives of others. The purchases and contributions for 2011 totaled \$7800. What a great way to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you on behalf of the lives you touched.

Marcia Leach, Chair
Social Concerns Committee

Bells for Fun

Bells for Fun meeting on the second Tuesday of each month will be suspended until further notice.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Full House Super Bowl Party: On Sunday, February 5 there will be a Super Bowl Party for all high school students. We will meet from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Kennan residence (6124 Londonberrie Court). Food and drinks are provided. Please come to enjoy a time of fun and entertainment. Thanks to the generous offer of the Kennan family, we have the opportunity to enjoy the first half of the game and of course the commercials.

Winter Warm Festival: Looking for a family fun event that includes sledding, toboggan runs, ice skating, cross-country skiing and food by the fire. The Winter Warm Festival is just the thing for you. Come enjoy a time of fun and outdoor enjoyment. The Winter Warm Festival is on Sunday, February 26 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at City Forest. This event is in place of Full House.

Montreat 2012: The registration deadline for high school Montreat 2012 is coming to an end. By the end of February, \$300 of the \$500 payment is due. This amount is due to Memorial. We have to register the exact number of participants and have our balance paid to Montreat. By this point everyone who is planning to attend the Spring Break backpack trip should be registered.

Spring Break Retreat Meetings: By this point everyone should be registered for the Spring Break backpack trip that is planning to attend. With this type of trip, it is best we meet as a group a few times prior to the trip to work out some details. We have 3 meeting times. These are the dates:

- Sunday, February 12; 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 4; 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 18; 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

At these meetings, we will do various things to prepare us for hiking as a group and understanding how to pack. Each participant of the Spring Break Retreat is required to attend at least two of the meetings. Location of meetings to be determined.

Teen Talk: Especially for Parents

Are you the parent of an early teenager? Do you know what to expect in high school? Join us for monthly sessions to discuss different aspects of your growing teenager and his/her needs. Our next session's topic is "The Dynamics of High School Life." See you on **Sunday, February 26**, 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., in the Colonial Room. Facilitators for this session are to be determined.

Friday Night Voyagers

Voyagers will meet on Friday, February 10, in Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. with punch and special hors d'oeuvres. Potluck supper begins at 6:00 p.m., prior to the 6:45 p.m. program. Callers will make suggestions about the kinds of food to bring.

The program is planned as a "kick-off" to Peace Weekend events being planned by Memorial Presbyterian Church's Peace Fellowship group. Last spring, as we were exploring program ideas Voyagers expressed a strong interest in learning more about the Muslim faith, and we have invited Shona Siddiqui and Ray Lacina, members of that Midland faith community, to share information with us. It will be another time of "**Getting to Know You**".

Shona and Ray and their son, Zackary who attends Chestnut Hill, have lived in Midland for a number of years. Shona was born in India, but grew up in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Ray was born in Wisconsin and currently teaches literature at Delta College. They are a part of the group building the Islamic Community Center on Stark Road.

The committee for this program includes Skippers Marge and Tom Haskell, and committee members Marilyn and Don Findlay, Mary Ann Gilbert, Jean and Ralph Hillman and Judy McDowell. Reverend Cathy Chang was speaker contact and Betty Chenoweth is the Organizing Team coordinator.

Voyagers is a group of couples and singles which meets monthly during the school year for a potluck, program and fellowship. All are welcome. Bring your place setting, a dish to pass, an item for the H.E.L.P. food pantry and \$1 donation to help defray Voyagers expenses.

If you are interested in coming on February 10, but have not previously attended, please call in your reservation to the skippers, Marge and Tom Haskell at 631-2760 by Tuesday February 7. If you have questions about Voyagers, or would like to be added to our contact list, please call Betty Chenoweth at 835-6663.

Eastside Soup Kitchen Wednesday, February 15, 2012



Memorial Presbyterian Church volunteers help at the soup kitchen on the third Wednesday of each month. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Nancy Richey at 835-7058. We leave the church at 8:45 a.m. for Saginaw and return at

approximately 1:00 p.m.

**Peacemaking Offering 2012
to be received Sunday, February 12**
"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." What does such a plea really mean for us as individuals and as a congregation? Peace on earth? That's a lofty goal. If achieving peace worldwide seems a bit much to take on in our spare time, perhaps we can begin by focusing on fostering a culture of peace right in our own backyard.

The **2012 Peacemaking Offering** will be received on February 12 as part of a special peacemaking week-end. This offering supports peacemaking efforts of the Presbyterian Church (USA) at every level to provide opportunities to witness to God's gift of peace in the world.

A generous contribution to the Peacemaking Offering is one way we can all say "let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women held their annual meeting on January 11, 2012. Ruth Brown and posthumously Bertha E. R. Strosacker were awarded this year's honoraria for their dedication to our church. A soup and salad lunch was served followed by the program "Remembering and Retaining our Roots". After the meeting an invitation to visit the archive room was extended and many wonderful comments were made concerning the hard work being done there.

Circle 2 will have its sixth lesson, "Greatly Honored Are the Pure in Heart!" from the 2011-2012 Horizons Bible Study on Wednesday, February 15, in the Parlor. We begin at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments, followed by our study lesson and are finished by 11:00 a.m. All women of the church are invited. New members are always welcome. Childcare is provided. If you have questions or need a ride, please call Gloria Manary at 837-2314.

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet on February 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Small Dining Room.

Knitting and Crocheting Group meet at 1:30 p.m. every Monday. We have skeins of yarn available for those that are interested in making prayer shawls, but are not able to attend the gathering. Please contact Mary Ann Gilbert at 835-7065 or Ann Rothman at 835-4902 if interested.

Circle 3 meets at King's Daughters on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting is February 14.

Benevolent Gift for Local Based Mission

For the Christmas season, the Outreach Committee of the Board of Deacons provided a grant to Global Compassion, a nonprofit developed by Midland resident Indira Oskvarek for residents in her hometown in India. She is a parishioner at Blessed Sacrament Parish. She writes:

Christmas never ends in the heart of a believer. I am so grateful for your Christmas gift to Global Compassion. Welcome to the family business to "reach out and change lives" through our charity. Together, we will be taking God's love and compassion to feed and clothe the hungry and naked: Jesus in the streets and slums of India. We will use your gift to buy some school uniforms and shoes for the girls in an orphanage.

The benevolent gift is made possible through the pledge offerings of the congregation.

Invitation to Kinship Caregivers

The Congregational Care Committee, with funding from the Advance Concepts Committee, supports the Kinship Caregivers Group as an outreach to the community. Nan Spence serves as Facilitator. The Kinship Caregivers program was formerly sponsored by Family and Children's Services. With its transition to ministry within Memorial Presbyterian Church, Nan Spence was recruited to provide programming in its agenda of friendship, education, and compassion. When asked the benefits of the outreach, participants responded positively with notes of affirmation.

- *We are a positive, life-giving, emotional and moral support system for one another through all seasons of life*
- *We appreciate education on issues involving our roles as caregivers for children and youth*
- *We are an emotional support system to one another*
- *We are provided resources in legal assistance, finance, community assistance, and health care*
- *We welcome children and youth in a separate program of child care and watch them connect, bond, and support one another*

Present participants are grandparents in the role of raising and nurturing grandchildren in a broad range of age.

Kinship Caregivers meets on the second Monday of the month in the Church Parlor, 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There is no fee. New friends are welcomed!



Greenhoe Library Save the Date March 8

The Library Board invites you to hear **Jody Hedlund** on **March 8 at 1:00 pm in the Parlor**. She is a young local author of historical fiction who will speak on her writing journey, including her ideas,

research and writing process. Her fascinating books, *The Preacher's Bride* and *The Doctor's Lady* are available in the Greenhoe Library.

The Loaves Are Multiplied at the H.E.L.P. Food Pantry

Last month the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network (E.F.P.N.) was selected to receive a \$1,000 donation from Priority Health of Grand Rapids, a group we did not know.

It turns out that a couple of years ago, when layoffs were coming left and right, a young lady was laid off from her job in Midland. She had a home, mortgage, etc. and eventually found herself without food in the home. As an independent and proud young lady she was very reluctant to ask for help and somewhat embarrassed to find herself in this situation, as an educated, successful new professional with all kinds of plans to live the American dream.

She called for help and was connected to the H.E.L.P. Food Pantry at Memorial Presbyterian Church. The supplies she got were enough to tide her over and get her through a rough stretch.

She was able to secure a new job with Priority Health. This year is Priority Health's 25th anniversary and they chose to make 25 donations of \$1,000 to charities nominated by employees. E.F.P.N. was selected as one of the recipients.

Our one time client found a way to say thank you and give back to the organization that helped her out in her time of need by sharing with other clients. It was a true pleasure to hear her story and to hear the gratitude she expressed. Not only about the food she received, but about how she was treated with respect and compassion through the entire process.

The LORD works in mysterious ways to multiply the loaves.

Benevolent Gift Offers Match

The Outreach Committee of the Board of Deacons on behalf of the Session and congregation provided a grant of \$1,000 to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Shelterhouse) for its Endowment Fund. Sharon Mortensen, Executive Director, writes:

I thank you for your four-year pledge and first payment toward our Matching Grant endowment project. The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation will match this gift four-to-one, adding another \$4,000. Your choice to invest in the future of Shelterhouse is deeply appreciated. The possibilities this endowment will provide include serving victims of domestic or sexual violence with care and passion, expanding prevention programming and developing programs to meet the needs of the community and survivors in the future. Thank you for your vision in providing a gift which will last beyond our lifetimes and ensure that Shelterhouse's vision of building relationships, strong families and safe communities can continue.

The grant is made possible through the pledge commitments and annual giving of the congregation. Heather Brubaker served as immediate past Chairperson of the Outreach Committee.

Diehl Scholarships Encourage Students

The Diehl Scholarship provides stipends to members of Memorial Presbyterian Church enrolled in Seminary study toward the Master of Divinity degree. The Scholarship awards \$2,000 per semester for each of three years leading to the graduate degree. Recipient Jill Isola writes:

I just wanted to send along a very large thank you for all of the support and encouragement from the scholarship funds. It has been such a help to us for the past two and one-half years. It's hard to believe there is only one semester left for me – the job search has already begun. Thank you for all Memorial Presbyterian Church has done for us. Memorial Presbyterian Church will always hold such a special place in our hearts. Please pass along my thanks to the Scholarship Committee.

Jill is a senior year student at Union Seminary in Richmond, Virginia (PCUSA). She served the congregation five years as Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry.

Herbert the Talking Presbyterian Organ Mouse - Herbert's Historical Tidbits about the Church - Boy Scout Sunday



Hey Herbert, I exclaimed from my usual chair in the living room, I've got a question about Boy Scout Sunday, as you know it's coming up on February 5. Do you have any interesting stories about Troop 765 that is part of

Memorial Presbyterian Church?

"Yes yes," his squeaky voice came back, "one of the more memorable Scout Sundays was when Doug Greminger was a senior and the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster (JASM)." Herbert chuckled the way that all church mice chuckle. And what did he do that was so funny? I asked with amusement in my voice because it is really funny hearing a mouse chuckle. "Well let's see, the Scouts were passing the collection plates and Doug had them put the envelopes and money in a lower plate and then stacked the empty plates on top," Herbert said slapping his little sides. "It was really something to see from my vantage point. Bill Campbell was the youth minister at the time and gave the sermon that day." It must have been before my time, I said leaning forward in my chair. "Yes, it was February 4, 1973. When the Scouts came forward Bill's eyes bugged out at the sight of empty collection plates. The tip off, that something was up, was when the Scouts couldn't keep from laughing." So Herbert, I said with a slightly suppressed laugh, were you in on it or did you even know about it? "I overheard Doug explaining what they were going to do while he was showing the Scouts around the sanctuary before the service. They were having so much fun planning and wondering what Bill was going to do or say when they came forward with empty plates!" Herbert that's a very funny story, I said.



This year Scout Sunday will be on February 5th and some Scouts from Troop 765 will be there all decked out in their uniforms. I doubt if they will try to pull anything like that, except, Doug is still involved with the Troop, so who knows. I got up from my chair and as Herbert disappeared into his organ pipe home, he said, "I wish I could be there that Sunday. I know Scouting is great and this is a good time for any boys interested in joining the troop to talk to the Scouts." With a wave of his little paws, he disappeared and said, "it was so much fun remembering."

Mike Hoy, Herbert's Story Editor

For more information about Troop 765, please contact Randy McDonald at 835-9720 or Doug Greminger at 631-4318.



Winter Warmth Festival

All ages are invited

Enjoy the warmth of fellowship in the snow & by the fire

Sunday, February 26

3-6 pm  **City Forest**



 **Fireplace at the Chalet**



 **Sledding**



 **Tobogganing**

 **Ice Skating**



 **Cross-Country Skiing**



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FEBRUARY 2012

Thought for the Month

Our Lord and Ruler, your name is wonderful everywhere on earth!

Psalm 8:1

KIDS' CORNER

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EVENTS

February 1

Cherub Choir

February 4

Children's Musical Rehearsal
PPCP Open House

February 5

Bible BLAST

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Cherub Choir

February 10

Family Fellowship

February 11

Children's Musical Rehearsal

February 12

Bible BLAST

Movin' Up at Snow Snake

February 15

Cherub Choir

February 18

Children's Musical Rehearsal

February 19

Bible BLAST

February 22

Ash Wednesday
Cherub Choir

February 25

Children's Musical Rehearsal

February 26

Children's Musical "Faith Hall of Fame"

February 29

Cherub Choir

Family Fellowship

Join us on Friday, February 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for an evening of enlightenment. We will start with some Indian appetizers followed by the standard pizza. The Voyagers have invited anyone interested to join them for their Peace Weekend program which will include a discussion led by our Muslim neighbors. Mark your calendars and RSVP to Wendy or Diana.



Please contact us with suggestions, questions, comments, or RSVP's.

Diana Brookens • 839-9001 • dianab@mempres.org

Wendy Lewis • 839-9001 • wendyl@mempres.org

Bible BLAST

In February's rotation, children will explore the story of Abraham and Sarah, learning about hospitality, promises (covenants), and family history. If you would like to help with the cooking, art, or science unit while enjoying this experience with the children, contact Diana or Wendy.

Children's Musical

Rehearsals are under way for the children's musical which will be performed on Sunday, February 26 at 10:45 a.m. Children in second through fifth grades can still participate. Contact Guy Lynch for more information and the rehearsal schedule. Be sure to mark your calendars for this wonderful annual event which spotlights six Old Testament heroes: Abraham, Joseph, Miriam, Moses, David, and Esther.

Winter Warmth Festival

The Christian Education Committee presents its first annual Winter Warmth Festival. Enjoy fellowship and fun in the snow at the City Forest. This event is open to all ages on Sunday, February 26 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.



Movin' Up

The snow is finally falling and the tube hill is calling. Fourth-graders and fifth-graders need to grab their snow gear and meet us in Room 116 on Sunday, February 12. We will enjoy a quick lunch and then head off to Snow Snake for tubing and hot cocoa. The van will return to the church parking lot at 3:30 p.m. where you can pick up the kids. RSVP's are required to ensure we have enough space and chaperones.

PPCP Open House

Presbyterian Parent Cooperative Preschool's Open House will be held on Saturday, February 4 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the award winning preschool housed right here at MPC. The annual PPCP Art Show will also delight us this weekend. Be sure to check out all the fun things that go on in the preschool.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Everett Orlowski	2/1
Fisher Kelly	2/10
Hayden Haller	2/12
Alejandra Brenes	2/24
Andrew Brenes	2/24
Anthony Brenes	2/24

VBS Planning

The planning committee will meet on February 7 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 116 to look at and select curriculum for this summer's excitement. Please say you will join us on this date and be part of a wonderful experience! Keep tuned to the March Kids' Corner to see where this adventure may take us!

MPC YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY NEWS

FEBRUARY 2012

Current Month and Future Month Events

Thur Feb 2

TNL 6-8 pm

Sun Feb 5

Confirmation
Class 1-2 pm

Full House
Super Bowl
Party 6-8:30
pm

Thur Feb 9

TNL 6-8 pm

Sun Feb 12

Confirmation
Class 1-2 pm

Full House
5-7 pm

Thur Feb 16

No TNL

Sun Feb 19

No Confirma-
tion Class

No Full House

Thur Feb 23

TNL 6-8 pm

Sun Feb 26

Confirmation
Class 1-2 pm

Winter Warm
Festival

Full House Super Bowl Party

On Sunday, February 5 there will be a Super Bowl Party for all high school students. We will be meeting from 6-8:30 pm at the Kennan residence (6124 Londonberrie Court). Food and drinks will be provided . Please come and enjoy a time of fun and entertainment. Thanks to the generous offer of the Kennan family, we have the opportunity to enjoy the first half of the game and of course the commercials.

Winter Warm Festival

Looking for a family fun event that includes sledding, toboggan runs, ice skating, cross-country skiing and food by the fire. The Winter Warm Festival is just the thing for you. Come enjoy a time of fun and outdoor enjoyment. The Winter Warm Festival is on Sunday, February 26 from 3-6 pm. This event is in place of Full House for that evening. Come and join the fun for the evening.

Montreat 2012

The registration deadline for high school Montreat 2012 is coming to an end of this month. By the end of this month, \$300 of the \$500 payment is due. This amount is due to Memorial because we have to in turn register the correct number and have our balance into Montreat. So to make sure that we do not register for more people than we have going, it is important that I have payments made by then. Please submit your payments.

Spring Break Retreat Meetings

By this point everyone should be registered for the Spring Break backpack trip that is planning on going. With this type of trip, it is best that we meet as a group a few times prior to the trip to work some details out. So we have 3 meeting times set-up and here are the dates of those meetings:

Sunday, February 12 from 2:30 pm—4 pm

Sunday, March 4 from 2:30—4 pm

Sunday, March 18 from 2:30—4 pm

At these meetings, we will do various things that will prepare us for this trip. We will be doing things like hiking as a group, as well as understanding how to pack and other things that will assist us in our trip. Each participant of the Spring Break Retreat is required to attend at least 2 of those meetings.

Contact Information

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patrickk@mempres.org Office 989-835-6729 Cell 989-506-6661

February 2012

Wednesday, February 01, 2012

9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Bible Study	Room 107
12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Happy Diners Computer Lab	Computer Lab
12:45 PM	2:00 PM	Messengers of Note	Room 208
3:00 PM	4:30 PM	New Member and Evangelism Committee	Small Dining Room
4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Children's Cherub Choir	Rooms 208, 109, 155
4:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personnel Committee	Office Conference Room
5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Pastoral Nominating Committee	Parlor
5:45 PM	7:15 PM	Overeater's Anon	Room 54
6:00 PM	7:30 PM	MISC Committee	Room 201
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Christian Education	Office Conference Room
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Youth Ministry Team	Room 53
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Worship and Arts	Room 107
7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Adult Ministry	Office Conference Room

Thursday, February 02, 2012

6:45 AM	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Room 58-60
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Presbyterian Women's Bible Study	Room 208
12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Computer Class	Computer Lab
5:30 PM	8:00 PM	Daisy Troop	Room 54
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Thursday Night Live	Room 58-60
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	9am Worship Team	Room 55
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	American Association of University Women (AAUW) Branch Meeting	Sm. Dining Rm
7:15 PM	9:15 PM	Chancel Choir	Room 208

Friday, February 03, 2012

12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Kennett Study Group	Room 107
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Saturday, February 04, 2012

10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Children's Musical Rehearsal	Room 208
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Sunday, February 05, 2012 **Communion Sunday/Introduction of Confimands/Boy Scout Sunday**

8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
8:15 AM	8:45 AM	9am Worship Team Rehearsal	Assembly Room
9:00 AM	9:45 AM	Worship Service	Assembly Room
9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Contemporary Issues (Adult Ministry)	Parlor
9:45 AM	10:30 AM	E100: Intro to Bible (Adult Ministry)	Room 201
9:45 AM	12:30 PM	Fellowship and Coffee	Fellowship Hall
9:45 AM	10:30 AM	The Present Word (Adult Ministry)	Room 107
9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Jump Into Jesus	Room 116
9:50 AM	10:30 AM	PYC's Middle School Sunday School	Room 110
9:50 AM	10:30 AM	PYC's High School Sunday School	Café Montreat
10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Chancel Choir Warm-up	Room 208
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Bible Blast	Rooms 114, 116
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Parlor
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Presbyterian 101	Room 107
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	"Bells of Fire" (Grade 6-12)	Room 155
5:00 PM	7:00 PM	PYC's Full House	Room 53
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Memorial Presbyterian Church Brass Ensemble	Assembly Room
6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Bible Study and ChristCare	Off-site

Monday, February 06, 2012

Great Things Articles due by Noon!

1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Knitting and Crocheting	Room 58-60
5:15 PM	6:45 PM	Covenant Ringers	Room 155
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	AA	Room 54

Tuesday, February 07, 2012

9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Library Work	Greenhoe Library
10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Worship Team	Office Conference Room
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Library Board Meeting	Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting	Room 116
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Archival Committee	Room 109
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	All Staff	Room 107

5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Congregational Involvement Committee Meeting	Room 107
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Bells of Praise (Beginning Adults)	Room 155
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Property Committee	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	AA	Room 54
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ala Teen	Room 58-60
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Board of Trustees	Fellowship Hall
8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Al Anon	Room 58-60

Wednesday, February 08, 2012

9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Bible Study	Room 107
12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Happy Diners Computer Lab	Computer Lab
12:45 PM	2:00 PM	Messengers of Note	Room 208
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team	Small Dining Room
2:00 PM	3:30 PM	Circle 3	King's Daughter Home
4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Children's Cherub Choir	Rooms 208, 109, 155
5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Pastoral Nominating Committee	Parlor
5:45 PM	7:15 PM	Overeater's Anon	Room 54

Thursday, February 09, 2012

6:45 AM	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Room 58-60
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Presbyterian Women's Bible Study	Room 208
12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Happy Diners Computer Lab	Computer Lab
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	9am Worship Team	Room 55
7:15 PM	9:15 PM	Chancel Choir	Room 208

Friday, February 10, 2012

5:30 PM	9:00 PM	Friday Night Voyagers Social Gathering and Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Family Fellowship	Room 116

Saturday, February 11, 2012

8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Bible Study with Linda Kennett	Room 107
10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Children's Musical Rehearsal	Room 208

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Peace Offering Sunday

8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:15 AM	8:45 AM	9am Worship Team Rehearsal	Assembly Room
9:00 AM	9:45 AM	Worship Service	Assembly Room
9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Contemporary Issues (Adult Ministry)	Parlor
9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Parent-2-Parent	Conference Room 205
9:45 AM	10:30 AM	E100: Intro to Bible (Adult Ministry)	Room 201
9:45 AM	12:30 PM	Fellowship and Coffee	Fellowship Hall
9:45 AM	10:30 AM	The Present Word (Adult Ministry)	Room 107
9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Jump Into Jesus	Room 116
9:50 AM	10:30 AM	PYC's Middle School Sunday School	Room 110
9:50 AM	10:30 AM	PYC's High School Sunday School	Café Montreat
10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Chancel Choir Warm-up	Room 208
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Bible Blast	Rooms 114, 116
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Parlor
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Presbyterian 101	Room 107
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	"Bells of Fire" (Grade 6-12)	Room 155
5:00 PM	7:00 PM	PYC's Full House	Room 53
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	MPC Brass Ensemble	Assembly Room
6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Bible Study and ChristCare	Off-site

Monday, February 13, 2012

Great Things Articles due Noon!

1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Knitting and Crocheting	Room 58-60
5:15 PM	6:45 PM	Covenant Ringers	Room 155
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Kinship Caregivers' Group	Room 107
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	AA	Room 54
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	ACT Uganda Sub-Committee	Office Conference Room

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Library Work	Greenhoe Library
10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Worship Team	Office Conference Room
12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Social Concerns Committee	Small Dining Room

12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Happy Diners Computer Lab	Computer Lab
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Archival Committee	Room 109
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	All Staff	Room 107
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Advance Concepts	Office Conference Room
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Bells of Praise (Beginning Adults)	Room 155
6:15 PM	8:00 PM	Congregational Care Committee	Small Dining Room
6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Deacon's Outreach	Room 107
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	AA	Room 54
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ala Teen	Room 58-60
7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Board of Deacons	Fellowship Hall
8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Al Anon	Room 58-60

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

8:45 AM	1:00 PM	Eastside Soup Kitchen	Saginaw
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Bible Study	Room 107
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Circle 2	Parlor
12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Happy Diners Computer Lab	Computer Lab
12:45 PM	2:00 PM	Messengers of Note	Room 208
4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Children's Cherub Choir	Rooms 208, 109, 155
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Session Finance Committee	Small Dining Room
5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Pastoral Nominating Committee	Parlor
5:45 PM	7:15 PM	Overeater's Anon	Room 54
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Presbyterian Parent Cooperative Preschool Family Potluck Dinner	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 16, 2012

6:45 AM	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Room 58-60
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Presbyterian Women's Bible Study	Room 208
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Kiwanis	Room 52
12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Happy Diners Computer Lab	Computer Lab
5:30 PM	8:00 PM	Daisy Troop	Room 54
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	9am Worship Team	Room 55
7:15 PM	9:15 PM	Chancel Choir	Room 208

Friday, February 17, 2012

12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Kennett Study Group	Room 107
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Saturday, February 18, 2012

10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Children's Musical Rehearsal	Room 208
5:00 PM	9:00 PM	Mardi Gras Dance	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 19, 2012

8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
8:15 AM	8:45 AM	9am Worship Team Rehearsal	Assembly Room
9:00 AM	9:45 AM	Worship Service	Assembly Room
9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Contemporary Issues (Adult Ministry)	Parlor
9:45 AM	10:30 AM	E100: Intro to Bible (Adult Ministry)	Room 201
9:45 AM	12:30 PM	Fellowship and Coffee	Fellowship Hall
9:45 AM	10:30 AM	The Present Word (Adult Ministry)	Room 107
9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Jump Into Jesus	Room 116
9:50 AM	10:30 AM	PYC's Middle School Sunday School	Room 110
9:50 AM	10:30 AM	PYC's High School Sunday School	Café Montreat
10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Chancel Choir Warm-up	Room 208
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Bible Blast	Rooms 114, 116
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	"Bells of Fire" (Grade 6-12)	Room 155
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Memorial Presbyterian Church Brass Ensemble	Assembly Room
6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Bible Study and ChristCare	Off-site

Monday, February 20, 2012

Great Things Articles due by Noon!

Grapevine Articles are due today by 4:30 p.m.!

1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Knitting and Crocheting	Room 58-60
5:15 PM	6:45 PM	Covenant Ringers	Room 155
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	AA	Room 54

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Library Work	Greenhoe Library
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10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Worship Team	Office Conference Room
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Archival Committee	Room 109
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	All Staff	Room 107
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Communications Sub Committee	Office Conference Room
4:30 PM	6:00 PM	Spiritual Autobiography	Room 107
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Bells of Praise (Beginning Adults)	Room 155
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	AA	Room 54
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Investment Committee	Room 107
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ala Teen	Room 58-60
8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Al Anon	Room 58-60

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins

9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Presbyterian Women Sewing	Room 52
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Bible Study	Room 107
12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Happy Diners Computer Lab	Computer Lab
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lenten Series Study	Small Dining Room
12:45 PM	2:00 PM	Messengers of Note	Room 208
4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Children's Cherub Choir	Rooms 208, 109, 155
5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Pastoral Nominating Committee	Parlor
5:45 PM	7:15 PM	Overeater's Anon	Room 54
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Session	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 23, 2012

6:45 AM	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Room 58-60
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Presbyterian Women's Bible Study	Room 208
12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Happy Diners Computer Lab	Computer Lab
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	9am Worship Team	Room 55
7:15 PM	9:15 PM	Chancel Choir	Room 208

Friday, February 24, 2012

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, February 25, 2012

8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Bible Study with Linda Kennett	Room 107
10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Children's Musical Rehearsal	Room 208

Sunday, February 26, 2012

One Service only/Children's Musical/Congregational Meeting/Organ Up-date

9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Contemporary Issues (Adult Ministry)	Parlor
9:45 AM	10:30 AM	E100: Intro to Bible (Adult Ministry)	Cherry Room 201
9:45 AM	12:30 PM	Fellowship and Coffee	Fellowship Hall
9:45 AM	10:30 AM	The Present Word (Adult Ministry)	Room 107
9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Jump Into Jesus	Room 116
9:50 AM	10:30 AM	PYC's Middle School Sunday School	Room 110
9:50 AM	10:30 AM	PYC's High School Sunday School	Café Montreat
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	New Member Class	Small Dining Room
10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Chancel Choir Warm-up	Room 208
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Bible Blast	Rooms 114, 116
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Parlor
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Teen Talk with Parents	Room 107
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	"Bells of Fire" (Grade 6-12)	Room 155
5:00 PM	7:00 PM	PYC's Full House	Room 53
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Memorial Presbyterian Church Brass Ensemble	Assembly Room
6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Bible Study and ChristCare	Off-site

Monday, February 27, 2012

Great Things Articles due by Noon!

12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Happy Diners Computer Class (Facebook)	Computer Lab
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Knitting & Crocheting	Room 58-60
5:15 PM	6:45 PM	Covenant Ringers	Room 155
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	AA	Room 54

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Library Work	Greenhoe Library
10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Worship Team	Office Conference Room
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Archival Committee	Room 109
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	All Staff	Room 107

6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Bells of Praise (Beginning Adults)	Room 155
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	AA	Room 54
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ala Teen	Room 58-60
8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Al Anon	Room 58-60
Wednesday, February 29, 2012			
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Bible Study	Room 107
12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Happy Diners Computer Lab	Computer Lab
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lenten Series Study	Small Dining Room
12:45 PM	2:00 PM	Messengers of Note	Room 208
4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Children's Cherub Choir	Rooms 208, 109, 155
5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Pastoral Nominating Committee	Parlor
5:45 PM	7:15 PM	Overeater's Anon	Room 54

We Welcome You!

Welcome to Memorial

It is a New Year! We continue our journey in faith among one another with anticipation and hope. The Organ Project will affirm our commitment with the installation of pipes and console in the Sanctuary during the month of March. Our Sanctuary worship will re-locate for the month to Fellowship Hall. Our spirit of hospitality toward friends and guests will continue. Our 8:00 a.m. Sunday service will be held in the Church Parlor. Our 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship service enjoys its setting in the Assembly Room.

During the month of February, we shall begin our preparations for fulfillment through Lent into the Easter season. On Sunday, February 26, we celebrate one service of worship at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Worship is followed by the Annual Meeting of the congregation. Worship will celebrate our music ministry with the leadership of our children. Other highlights in the month include the occasion of Peace Sunday on Sunday, February 5, and Ash Wednesday with evening worship on February 22. The prelude to Ash Wednesday will be the Mardi Gras Dinner Dance on Saturday evening, February 18. We also look forward to the Lenten Midweek Study Series led by the Reverend Dr. David W. Robertson, Interim Pastor.

Sunday, February 26, is also the date for a new *Welcome to Memorial* class series. The Membership Committee invites friends and visitors to learn the privileges and gifts in membership within the church. The first class will be led by the Reverend Dr. Robertson. We encourage our members to provide invitation to friends in the congregation. The first class will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Small Dining Room on Sunday, February 26. Three additional classes will meet in the series on March 4, 11, and 18. We ask friends to express interest in the class through the Ministry of Friendship in worship or through conversation or communication with a pastor, member of staff or the church office.

Our recognition of a New Year offers the opportunity for remembrance and for vision. It is 2012, another Year of our Lord! We welcome you!

For information on events or services, call the church office or consult www.mempres.org.

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