

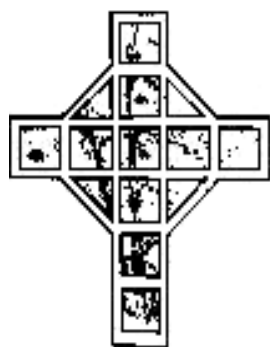
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The Triangle

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WORSHIP SERVICES DURING LENT

We celebrated Ash Wednesday, February 17th, with a simple soup supper followed by a short service of worship.

This year two other Wednesday evening Lenten services will be held at 6:30pm – one on March 3rd and the other on March 17th. Each of these services will explore the theme of healing. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The session will meet at their regular time of 7:00pm following the service on March 17th.

PASTORS' CORNER
The Rev. Dr. David R. Kegley

In the children's television program THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS, Mrs. Frizzle often said: "Take chances, make mistakes,

get messy." Many years ago I would sit with Alex and Sam and watch the show with them. The show is a cartoon and Mrs. Frizzle's classroom and the school bus that took them on field trips were fantastical places of learning and creativity. In certain ways I felt that the creators of the show had made a metaphor for life. I think that at the very base of our human life we are like God in our ability to be creative. It is a way we resonate with the Spirit of God.

These few days between now and mid summer our church campus is to some degree like Mrs. Frizzle's classroom. Not so much the "make mistakes" and not too much like the "take chances" part but in every way like the "get messy" part. It is a sign that we are creating and learning.

Certainly it takes courage to be creative. When we create we make a difference. When we create we also do things that not everyone thinks is just what we should do. But mostly over the 20 some years that we have gone without a fellowship hall we have longed for one. I know that hoping for the day of this construction seemed at times bleak. And I also know that working around construction can be cumbersome and distracting. Yet I invite a different perspective...

God is a God of creation and creativity. We are people created in the image of God. We are now allowed to watch a process of creativity occurring before our eyes, one stage after another. What a privilege! I can't wait to see what the messy, noisy, conglomeration of construction will finally look like, but I'm going to take it in and think as I do about being the creative person God made me to be. How about you?

Peace, *David*

Calendar for This Week and Next

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:30am New Member Class

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Worship

12:30pm Youth Group

1:00pm Golden Delicious lunch at Anthony's

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00am Vital Connections

4:00pm Presbytery Trustees (lib)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

6:00pm TuesdayNightTogether including Kid's Club and Youth Group

7:00pm Craft Group (library)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

11:30am FH Construction meeting

7:00pm Deacons (library)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters

7:00pm Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

1:30pm Memorial service for Maxine Judd

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Worship

12:30pm Youth Group

MONDAY, MARCH 1

12 noon Triangle articles due

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

10:30am PW Board meeting (lib)

12 noon Women's Luncheon (see article below)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

9:30am Triangle folding (library)

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

11:30am FH Construction meeting

6:30pm Lenten worship service

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters

6:00pm Praise Team

7:00pm Chancel Choir



The Presbyterian Women's luncheon will be Tuesday, March 2nd at noon. The Elizabeth Circle will host the luncheon. All women of the church are invited to attend. Christine Long will play the flute for us.

Lloydine Graham, Moderator of Elizabeth Circle

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES . . .

Sunday School

This month the workshop series for the children of Sunday School is "The Great Commandment" found in Matthew 22:34-40. This story begins with a teacher of the law asking Jesus (really trying to trick him) to name which is the greatest commandment and Jesus replies by saying it is to "...love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind". The workshop series is a four-week rotation and the children are experiencing this lesson through, drama, art, and games.

Your child is welcome to come to all four weeks or join in anytime during the rotation. Each week the lesson is taught using several learning styles to help your child experience the lesson in a meaningful way.

This spring the **Sunday School mission project** will be to gather items for Haiti relief. We will be putting together hygiene kits that will be sent through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program to Haiti. Listed below are the items needed for the kits. The children of Sunday School have set a goal of making 100 kits. We will gather the items between now and Sunday, April 11th, when we will assemble the kits during the Sunday School hour. They are specific in what they want in each kit and I have listed the items from the PCUSA website that we will be collecting. <http://www.pcusa.org/pda/help/goh.htm>

Each kit needs:

- 1 - hand towel (approximately 16"x28", no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 - washcloth
- 1 - wide-tooth comb
- 1 - nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards)
- 1 - bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 - toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 6 - band-aids (preferably Band-Aids brand)

We need one-gallon plastic bags with zippers to assemble the kits.

We will not be adding toothpaste to the hygiene kit. Toothpaste which has an extended expiration date will be added to hygiene kit shipments just prior to shipment by PDA.

Cheryl Kinnamon

FULFILLING THE VISION

Fellowship Hall Project Update

If you have been by the church in the last two weeks, you have observed that changes are starting to occur rapidly on constructing our Fellowship Hall and new Preschool additions.

Very rainy weather last week slowed excavation on the Fellowship Hall foundation somewhat, but a solution for dealing with the muddy soils has been worked out and excavation is rapidly proceeding once again.

Just about all of the trees that needed to be removed in order to accommodate construction and make room for expanding our storm-water retention pond in order to meet current code have been taken down. While the logs resulting from the tree removal belong to the subcontractor, having been figured as part of his bid, there has been a fair amount of wood that has been set aside for church members to gather some firewood. If you are interested in cutting some of this wood for yourselves, or need some help in doing so, please give Dave Clark a call at (360) 943-3390.

Parking will continue to be somewhat limited during the construction process, but the grass overflow lots and the Boulevard lot will continue being available for parking. Those of you without mobility issues are encouraged to park in those areas. The spring rains might also continue to cause messier muddy conditions for awhile. We will continue to do our best to deal with these inconveniences. The contractor's onsite superintendent is very committed to minimizing these inconveniences much as they can.

The contractor continues to provide three-week interval schedule updates, which we will post out in the narthex for your review. We will also post the schedule, with a summary of what to expect next, on the church website.

Thank you,

Frank Sanborn,

Project Coordinator

for the Fellowship Hall Steering Committee

Jim Morgan,

Chair, Fellowship Hall Steering Committee

JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL MOMENTUM!

Calling all donors and potential donors! As you have likely observed, our new Fellowship Hall is becoming a reality. Construction has commenced and we expect to be able to move in this summer. If you have made a pledge to the Fellowship Hall that is not yet fully paid, will you consider paying it in full before the summer? The reason is that the more funds we can generate before we obtain permanent financing, the less we will have to borrow and our monthly mortgage payments will be lower. Of course, if it is not practical for you to do so, rest assured that your funds received later will still be used to support the Fellowship Hall.

If you are new to the church or just have not yet made a decision to contribute, now would be a great time for you to join our "Fulfilling the Vision" campaign and decide to contribute! We have pledge forms available in the church office (which allow for payments over time), or you can just write a check and note "Fellowship Hall" in the memo line. We also accept gifts of stock. Questions about pledging? Contact Linda Greenly, Marv Ryser, Kimberly Ellwanger, Shirley Sawdon, Paul Taylor or Jay Williams.

Kimberly Ellwanger, for the Fellowship Hall Finance Committee

YEAR ROUND STEWARDSHIP

"Bringing the Light and Life of Christ to the Call of Stewardship" is the Mission Statement of a new committee called "Year Round Stewardship." The purpose of this committee is to encourage the congregation to see their lives in terms of their stewardship every day. The daily decisions we make in how we use our gifts, our time, and our resources have a profound effect on our lives and the lives of others. In the coming year, we will examine together how we can make these decisions in the Light and Life of Christ and in our call to Year-Round Stewardship.

Committee Members: *Julie Johnson, Kimberly Ellwanger, Carl Harris, Kathy Marshall, Eden Teachout, Pastor David Kegley*

Ron Stoker, Chair

STEPHEN MINISTRY IS MORE FORMAL

This is a continuation of our series that compares a Stephen Ministry relationship to that of a friend.



Stephen Ministers go through 50 hours of training, regular continuing education, and twice-monthly small group peer supervision. They are trained caregivers – very highly trained caregivers. They have skills in active listening, dealing with feelings, Christian caregiving, setting boundaries, relating assertively, process-oriented caring, crisis intervention and ministering in a wide range of situations. Their care isn't casual, as a friend's might be.

Stephen Ministers maintain boundaries that friends don't – which is why Stephen Ministers are able to help in ways that friends may not. They focus on the *process* of caring without trying to “fix things” or pushing for results, as well-meaning friends so often do. They empathize without getting tangled up in the person's feelings. They listen in ways that let the care receiver find his or her own solutions. They may listen to the same story sixteen times and be willing to listen for the seventeenth as well.

Stephen Ministers regularly evaluate the caring relationships – in supervision and on their own – always with the goal of providing the best care they possibly can provide for the care receiver. Their caring is a ministry. The Stephen Minister is there as long as the care receiver needs care.

Provided by *Dick Petermann*, 956-3438, for Stephen Ministry

FOR AND ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

New Member Class: Even if you were not able to sign up for the new member class this Saturday, February 20th, you still may join us. The class begins at 9:30am and continues until about 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided. Please feel free to call the church office with any questions you might have. Our office hours are 9:00am – noon and 1:00-3:00pm Monday through Friday.

A Memorial Service for Maxine Judd will be held at the church Saturday, February 27th at 1:30pm. All are welcome to attend. Maxine died Sunday, February 7th, 2010.

Thank you to all who have sent condolences and kind thoughts following Mom's death. They are warmly received and appreciated.

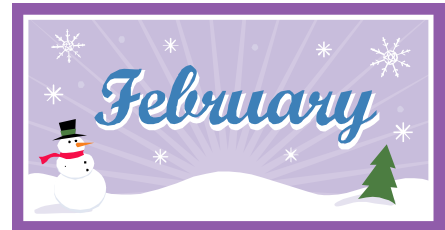
Shirley Sawdon

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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

February 7 – **229** (85 at 9:00am)

February 14 – **213** (78 at 9:00am)



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