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February 5 Communion will be served in the pews. The Adult Choir will lead our music and Rob Craig will provide a meditation. Our Annual Congregational Meeting, Part II, will be held immediately after worship. Afterwards, our youth will be serving SouperBowl soup.

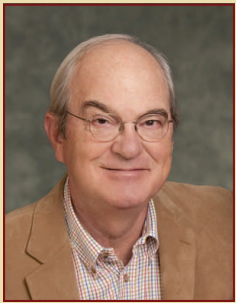
February 12 Our Children's Choir will lead our music. Rob Craig will preach a 'third way' sermon about the curiosities of the intersection of prayer and football. At the conclusion of worship, our Deacons will be serving breakfast.

February 19 The Adult Choir will be singing and Rob Craig will be preaching. We will begin to interpret the Lenten "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering.

Ash Wednesday North Christian Church will join us on Wednesday, February 22, to celebrate Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Communion will be served and Rev. Lanny Lawler will provide a meditation. The Adult Choirs of the two churches will be combined in music leadership.

February 26 Communion will be celebrated on this First Sunday in Lent. Rev. Peggy Casteel will preach and our Youth Choir will lead us in our music.

See more detail about Adult Nurture classes on page 3



**Pastor
Rob Craig**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22, and concludes on Easter, April 8. Another year, I shared, and many of you appreciated, the anonymous advice that follows and I wish to share it with you again. May it bless your spiritual travels this Lent. Lent is more than a time of fasting; it can also be a joyous season of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things, and to feast on others.

Fast from judging others; **Feast** on God dwelling in them.

Fast from emphasis on differences; **Feast** on the unity of life

Fast from apparent darkness; **Feast** on the reality of light

Fast from thoughts of illness; **Feast** on the healing power of God

Fast from words that pollute; **Feast** on words that purify

Fast from discontent; **Feast** on gratitude

Fast from anger; **Feast** on patience

Fast from pessimism; **Feast** on optimism

Fast from worry; **Feast** on Divine Providence

Fast from complaining; **Feast** on appreciation;

Fast from negatives; **Feast** on affirmatives

Fast from unrelenting pleasure; **Feast** on unceasing prayer

Fast from hostility; **Feast** on peace

Fast from bitterness; **Feast** on forgiveness

Fast from self-concern; **Feast** on compassion for others

Fast from personal anxiety; **Feast** on trust

Fast from discouragement; **Feast** on hope

Fast from acts that tear down; **Feast** on acts which build up

Fast from thoughts that weaken; **Feast** on promises that inspire

Fast from idle gossip; **Feast** on purposeful silence

Fast from problems which overwhelm; **Feast** on prayer that is underestimated.



"In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

"Luke 2:8

The Following Were Remembered in Our Weekly Congregational Prayers During January 2012

George & Annette Anderson; Clint, Amy, William & Sarah Anderson; Michael, Kelly & Avery Baker; Jim & Charlotte Battin; Pauline Barnes; Doug & Becky Bell; Carol Berkey; Al & Barb Betz; Bob Billany; David, Bonnie, Brennan & Thomas Boatwright; Bill & Jan Bobbs; Jim & Pam Bolton; Doug & Judy Bonnell; Cal & Donna Brand; Rex & Kathy Breeden; Roger & Janet Brinkman; Dick & Peggy Dunlevy; Tim, Monta, Maggie, Abby, Annie, Elizabeth, Ellie & Katie Frazier; Victor, Carolyn, Alexandra, Luke & Zachary Friend.

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Starting February 19th, *Victory and Peace or Justice and Peace?*

This dvd-based study featuring John Dominic Crossan explores the juxtaposition of Roman Imperial Theology and the Kingdom of God. Contents includes: Justice & the World: What is the Character of Your God? History & Jesus: What is the Content of Your Faith? Worship & Violence: What is the Purpose of your Prayer? Resurrection & Community: What is the Function of Your Church? Join our leader, Luther Pierson, and others in the Crump Room for this thought-provoking study.

Presbyterianism 101

Join us for this multi-part series giving an overview of what it means to be Presbyterian. Topics might include: a brief history of the church, discussion of the church decision making structure, a look at worship and the sacraments, and some of the history and present day events that make First Presbyterian Church of Columbus what it is today. Classes start February 19th. See you there!



**Associate Pastor
Peggy Casteel**

Confirmation

A confirmation retreat is being planned for older youth (or really anyone) who is interested in taking confirmation in preparation for church membership. It will be held the weekend of February 24-26 at Camp Pyoca. If you have questions concerning confirmation, I will be happy to talk with you about this experience.

Blessings and peace to you all in the coming year,

Pastor Peggy

Souper Bowl Sunday

February 5, 2012! On Super Bowl Sunday our Junior and Senior High Youth will be conducting their annual “Souper Bowl” fundraiser. The youth will be serving a light lunch of soup, bread & dessert to raise money for

their mission trips in 2012. They will also be collecting donations for Love Chapel. Please plan to attend and sample all the delicious homemade soups and help our youth reach their fund raising goals. Please direct all question to Melissa Hacker at mmhacker@comcast.net

Attention all the LoveBirds in the Congregation

FPC Youth will be sponsoring a Sweetheart Dinner on Saturday, February 18. Italian cuisine including a vegetarian entre will be served & there will be live music. Tickets will go on sale this Sunday in the gym. \$15 per person or \$25 for two. Festivities will begin at 6 pm. There will be tables available for 2 , 4, 6 or 8. We will also have tables reserved for singles who would love to come mingle and make some new friends. All the proceeds will go towards our 2012 summer mission trips. Please visit us in the gym on Sunday and make your reservation! As always, we appreciate the support of our church family as we travel out into the world to make it a better place. We know that we couldn't do it without your generous support and for that we are very grateful!

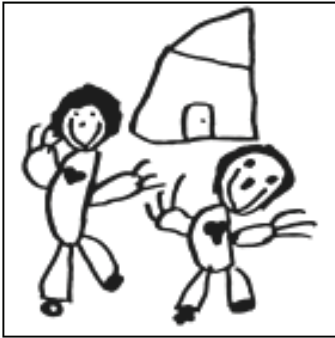
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2012 Youth Mission Trip Information

In an effort to give you dates on mission trips as early as possible for your own calendar planning – here is what is planned so far:

The **Senior High mission trip** is scheduled from Saturday June 9 to Saturday June 16, 2012 in West Virginia. Saturdays are our travel days. This will be a work camp. We will be assigned to one of 4 areas in WV: Montgomery, Colcord, Kopperston or Welch. Once there, we will be doing building projects. **We are required to have 1 adult for every five youth and an adult that has building skills.** This does not mean that we will not need other adults – but will need someone on each site to give oversight and instruction to the others. This mission site cannot give us detailed information about what we will be doing **this early** until 4-6 weeks before we arrive since they are constantly hosting building teams and projects are always being worked on. Please let me know if you have an interest in going. To gain more information please visit their site at <http://www.wvpresbytery.org/Ministries/WVMAW/tabid/68/Default.aspx>

The **Junior High mission trip** is scheduled from Sat. June 23 - Friday, June 29, 2012 in Detroit. We likely will travel home on Friday rather than Saturday from Detroit. This will be a VBS camp at the Second Mile Center in inner city Detroit where Ruth Azar is the director. We need people on this trip who can help facilitate and lead VBS. We plan to visit other missions in Detroit along with the Mosque and Arab American museum in Dearborn, MI. On this trip we will daily leave Detroit in the afternoon and have our supper and sleep at Farmington Hills Presbyterian Church which is a good safe suburb of Detroit. Ruth said to tell everyone that she “couldn’t be more pleased to have missionaries willing to come be with the children of Detroit at this Presbyterian Mission Center”. Please let me know if you have an interest in going. To gain more information, please visit their site at <http://www.metroalive.com/michigan/detroit/thesecondmilecenterofdetroit/>



Fundraiser – Save The Date

Make sure you save the date of Sunday, April 1, 2012 for our third annual fundraising gala at Bistro 310. This year's event, entitled "Under the Cherry Blossoms", will highlight the Japanese culture and feature cuisine prepared by Chef Jeff Maiani. Watch for more information.

Registration

Preschool registration for the 2012-2013 school year has begun and a couple of our classes are already full. If you know of families with children ages 2-5, send them our way – word of mouth is our best advertisement. This month we will be busy with Valentine's Day activities and mom's parties. Our Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough fundraiser will be kicking off on February 27th with delivery in March. If you would like to place an order, stop by the preschool office. The dough is great to keep on hand in your freezer. Preschool classes will not be in session on Thursday and Friday, February 23rd and 24th for parent conferences, however, Wee Care childcare will be available. Please stop by anytime to visit FPC's preschool program. Great things are happening every day!

Top 5 Things You May Not Know About Preschool!

Preschool Income: 85% from Tuition, Registration Fees/Extra classes
 12% Fundraising
 3% Donations

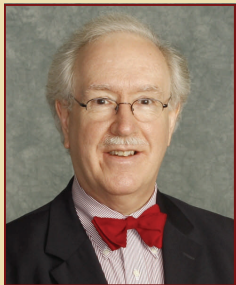
Scholarships for preschool students:
 73% funded by FPC and FPC members
 27% by preschool fundraising and donations

No direct donations from First Presbyterian Church go into our general operating budget. First Presbyterian Preschool receives in-kind donations of maintenance, custodial, and utility support.

A starting preschool teacher with a Bachelor's Degree receives \$9.18/hour and no benefits. A teacher with 25 years tenure receives \$18.65/hour and no benefits!

No health benefits are available to any employee of our preschool even those working over 30 hours/week!

Thank you for your continued support of our program!



**Music Director
Colin Andrews**

The children's youth and adult choir programs have begun the year well and we are all looking forward to the musical offerings that we are preparing for worship and the Easter season, which will be upon us before we know it this year, thanks to the wondrous cycles of the Earth, moon and sun!

In the nearer future, we will once again collaborate with North Christian Church in a service of worship on Ash

Wednesday. We will be hosts this year, so, please mark your calendars for Wednesday February 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Further down the path, we have the Butler Chorale offering us a wonderfully varied program in the "Music at First Presbyterian" concert series on Sunday March 4 at 3:00 p.m. (please see separate announcement in this newsletter).

Also in the same series, will be an organ concert by my wife, Dr. Janette Fishell on Sunday March 18 at 3:00 p.m., when she will present another concert in her complete Bach works cycle entitled "The Seasons of Sebastian"

Closer to Easter, on Tuesday March 27 at 7:30 p.m., the adult choir will present a performance of the sublime Requiem by Maurice Durufle, accompanied by Dr. Christopher Young, organist and featuring our own Rebecca Stenner, soprano and IU Graduate student, Nathaniel Olsen, Baritone.

How richly we are blessed in so many ways here at First Presbyterian.

Peace and joy,

Colin Andrews

If you are not receiving weekly news from the church, via e-mail, usually on Fridays – please help us add you to the list. Send an e-mail to tishat@fpccolumbus.org

Women's Book Club

The First Presbyterian Women's Book Group met recently at Four Seasons Retirement Center as guests of Marty Newsom and composed a list of books that will be read during the year. Our book group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. usually in the Reeves Room. We will meet next on Tuesday, February 7, at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the book, *Clara and Mr. Tiffany*, by Susan Vreeland. Nancy Sawin will be the discussion leader. The book chosen for March is *True Compass*, by Edward Kennedy. Merry Carmichael will lead the discussion. All women in the church are invited to attend.

Deacon Valentine Breakfast

Please plan to join your FPC Deacons for breakfast in the gym immediately following the service on Sunday, February 12! Each member of the congregation has his or her own Deacon, and your Deacon will be sending you a personal invitation/reminder about the Breakfast. The Deacon Breakfast is a great opportunity to meet or visit with your Deacon and to get to know other members and visitors a little better. We hope you can join us for coffee cakes, fruit, yogurt, breakfast casseroles, and fellowship!

Butler Chorale Spring Tour

We are excited to announce as part of our "Music at First Presbyterian" concert series, the Butler Chorale Spring Tour. Join us on Sunday March 4 at 3:00 pm as we hear from this great group, under the direction of Associate Professor of Music Dr. Eric Stark. Eric is the son of Sherry Stark and grew up in this church. Selections for the Chorale Spring Tour 2012 will include a wide variety of repertoire, including works by Eric Whitacre, Charles Villiers Stanford, Giacomo Puccini and Hector Berlioz. In addition, the Chorale will perform a selection of spirituals and works from the popular idiom, including works by Indiana native Cole Porter. As a special treat, our concert will include selections by members of the premiere Butler men's a cappella group Out of the Dawg House, now in it's seventh year.

One Great Hour of Sharing:

Sharing Brings Joy. To Others, to God, and to Us.

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with those in need. Your generous gifts assist those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help build strong communities through Presbyterian leadership development. *Through One Great Hour of Sharing, our congregation can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters. The Presbyterian Church (USA) roughly divides One Great Hour of Sharing gifts into thirds: Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. In the coming weeks, there will be more information on how you can participate and improve the lives of people.*

Annual Congregational Meeting, Part II

Immediately following worship on Sunday, February 5. After attending the meeting, we hope you will enjoy the SouperBowl soups prepared by our youth. The agenda for the meeting will be to elect officers, to receive written copies of committee annual reports, and to hear a progress report on the 2012 annual budget. The Session's Stewardship and Finance Committee will be sharing some good news, some concerns, and some possible strategies for balancing the 2012 budget. Your attention and input will be appreciated.

Loggia Restroom Completed

Thanks to the generosity of anonymous donors, FPC now has an ADA-compliant restroom off the loggia. Our new addition makes restroom access much easier for those with physical challenges. It is also more convenient for visitors who may not know their way around FPC and even our Preschool teachers. If you haven't already done so, check out our newest amenity and say a little prayer of thanksgiving for those who see a need and have the desire and capacity to meet it.

Mission Yearbook

Copies of the 2012 Mission Yearbook are available in the Church office.

New Church Secretary

Tisha Terry joined our staff as Church Secretary on January 9. Tisha spent sixteen years as an administrator for a non-profit association and, more recently, in a family-owned business. You will discover that she will be proficient in communicating with us and supporting our work with her technological talents. If you have not met Tisha and are downtown, stop in and say hello. Her extension within the office is 221 and her email at tishat@fpccolumbus.org. Thank you for welcoming Tisha.

New Copier

We have a new copier that replaces three older machines and significantly reduces our leasing and maintenance expenses.

Church Office Space

Because of less equipment, space has become available, and we are creating an extra work area for our wonderful volunteers. You will notice that Tammy Pace, our Finance Secretary, is experimenting with a new work station in an area to the far left as you enter the office.

Picture Directory

Progress is being made on the Picture Directory now that we have in place our new Church Secretary and a new copier. Watch for news in the near future.

Up to date events one click away

The church web page calendar is your one location for information on all events occurring at FPC. If you want to know the what, when, and where, just go to www.fpccolumbus.org and use the calendar tab. The website calendar will provide you with event name, date, time, location and additional notes right at your fingertips . It also has a “printer friendly” option. Try it, it's easy! Also our goal is to provide you with the most up to date information so if you have a calendar event change, please email Tisha at tishat@fpccolumbus.org.

Wednesday the 1st

- 9:30 am - 10:30 am - Staff Meeting Location: FPC
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Deacon's Meeting Location: Crump Room
- 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Youth Nurture Location: Reeves Room

Thursday the 2nd

- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal Location: Choir Room

Friday the 3rd

- 6:45 am - 8:00 am - Men's Support Group Location: Crump Room
- 7:30 am - 9:00 am - Women's Support Group Location: Reeves Room
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals Location: Gymnasium

Sunday the 5th

- 8:30 am - 9:30 am - Design Team Location: Lindeman Room
- 9:30 am - 10:30 am - Worship Service Location: Sanctuary
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School Location: FPC
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am - Congregational Meeting Location: Sanctuary
- 10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Youth SuperBowl Lunch Location: FPC Gym
- 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm - FPC Youth Group Location: Sanctuary, Laws Room and Gym

Monday the 6th

- 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm - Yoga Location: Gymnasium
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Personnel Committee Location: Crump Room

Tuesday the 7th

- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry Location: Laws Room
- 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Women's Book Club Location: Reeves Room
- 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Tai Chi Location: Gymnasium
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Band Rehearsal Location: Sanctuary

Wednesday the 8th

- 9:30 am - 10:30 am - Staff Meeting Location: FPC
- 11:30 am - 1:30 pm - Women's Gathering at Bistro 310 Location: Bistro 310
- 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Worship Committee Location: Lindeman Room

Thursday the 9th

- 10:30 am - 11:30 am** - Men's Bible Study Location: Crump Room
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Stewardship and Finance Committee Location: Crump Room
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal Location: Choir Room

Friday the 10th

- 6:45 am - 8:00 am** - Men's Support Group Location: Crump Room
7:30 am - 9:00 am - Women's Support Group Location: Reeves Room
11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Prayer Circle Location: Crump Room
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals Location: Gymnasium

Sunday the 12th

- 9:30 am - 10:30 am** - Worship Service Location: Sanctuary
10:00 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School Location: FPC
10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Deacons Breakfast Location: Gymnasium
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm - FPC Youth Group Location: FPC Details: Sanctuary, Laws Room and Gym

Monday the 13th

- 9:00 am - 10:30 am** - Preschool Board Meeting Location: Crump Room
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm - Peace Fellowship Location: Crump Room
5:30 pm - 8:15 pm - Yoga Location: Gymnasium

Tuesday the 14th

- 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm** - Prayer Shawl Group Location: Reeves Room
5:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Tai Chi Location: Gymnasium
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Band Rehearsal Location: Sanctuary
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Children's Nurture Committee Location: Library
7:15 pm - 8:30 pm - Bread for the World Location: Reeves Room

Wednesday the 15th

- 9:30 am - 10:30 am** - Staff Meeting Location: FPC
10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Women's Bible Study Location: Four Seasons
11:30 am - 2:00 pm - Preschool Staff Meeting Location: Large Youth Room
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Session Location: Craig Home

Thursday the 16th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Location: Office

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - CAPPS (Columbus Area Private Preschools) Location: Large Youth Room

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal Location: Choir Room

Friday the 17th

6:45 am - 8:00 am - Men's Support Group Location: Crump Room

7:30 am - 8:30 am - Preschool Staff Meeting Location: Preschool

7:30 am - 9:00 am - Women's Support Group Location: Reeves Room

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals - Junior High Location: Gymnasium

Saturday the 18th

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Valentine Dinner Location: Laws Room

8:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Youth Lock-In Location: Large Youth Room

Sunday the 19th

9:30 am - 10:30 am - Worship Service Location: Sanctuary

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School Location: FPC

10:30 am - 11:00 am - Daiker Family Celebration Location: Gymnasium .

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Adult Nurture Location: Laws & Reeves Room

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm - FPC Youth Group Location: Sanctuary, Laws Room and Gym

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Design Team Location: Lindeman Room

Monday the 20th

5:30 pm - 8:15 pm - Yoga Location: Gymnasium

Tuesday the 21st

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry Location: Laws Room

5:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Tai Chi Location: Gymnasium

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Band Rehearsal Location: Sanctuary

Wednesday the 22nd

9:30 am - 10:30 am - Staff Meeting Location: FPC

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service Location: Sanctuary

Thursday the 23rd

All Day - No School Location: Preschool Details: Preschool Conferences

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal Location: Choir Room

Friday the 24th

All Day - No School Location: Preschool Details: Preschool Conferences

6:45 am - 8:00 am - Men's Support Group Location: Crump Room

7:30 am - 9:00 am - Women's Support Group Location: Reeves Room

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals Location: Gymnasium

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Confirmation Retreat Location: Camp PYOCA

Sunday the 26th

9:30 am - 10:30 am - Worship Service Location: Sanctuary

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School Location: FPC

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Adult Nurture Location: Laws Room

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm - FPC Youth Group Location: Sanctuary, Laws Room and Gym

Monday the 27th

5:30 pm - 8:15 pm - Yoga Location: Gymnasium

Tuesday the 28th

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry Location: Laws Room

5:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Tai Chi Location: Gymnasium

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Band Rehearsal Location: Sanctuary

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Evangelism/Adult Nurture Location: Office

Wednesday the 29th

9:30 am - 10:30 am - Staff Meeting Location: FPC



February Birthdays

- 1 Sandy Mahon
- 2 Betty Nead
- 3 David Hult
- 5 Tim Frazier, Edith Ziegler
- 6 Martha Callaway
- 7 Tom Carmichael, Vern Jorck,
Ted Sharpe
- 8 Bonnie Boatwright
- 9 Lynne Hyatt, Nancy Marble
- 10 Helen Kinsey
- 11 Victor Friend
- 12 Alex Selheim
- 14 Julie Orben
- 15 Steve Franz
- 18 Chris Cox, Mary Orben
- 24 Bailey Keaton
- 26 Eleanor Haltom,
Angela Wilkerson



February Anniversaries

- 2 Katherine (Watt Jorck) &
Justin Holley
- 14 Karen and Dale Gaumer



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