

## Tuesday the 24th

5:00 pm –8:30pm Tai Chi—Location: Gym

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Disability Task Force—Location: Library

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

## Wednesday the 25th

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

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Social Justice/Witness Committee—Location: Crump Room

## Thursday the 26th

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

## Friday the 27th

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

6:45 am - 8:00 am - Women's Support Group—Location:Reeves Rm.

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals —Location: Gym

## Sunday the 29th

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

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Children's Sunday School— Location: FPC

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

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm - FPC Youth— Location: FPC

## Monday the 30th

5:30 pm - 8:15 pm - Yoga—Location: Gym

## Tuesday the 31st

5:00 pm –8:30pm Tai Chi—Location: Gym

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*This newsletter  
is streamlined  
because we  
are in  
transition in  
the position of  
Church  
Secretary.*

*Thank you for  
your  
understanding.*

## **January Worship & Nurture Highlights**

### **January 1**

Communion with a meditation by Peggy Casteel

### **January 8**

Epiphany Star Sunday with meditation by Rob Craig

### **January 15**

Rob Craig's sermon will focus on health as a spiritual issue. Our Children's Choir will lead music.

### **January 22**

The Adult Choir will lead our music. The book of Jonah will be Rob Craig's sermon focus.

### **January 29**

This is a likely Sunday for ordination and installation of officers.

**OPPORTUNITY FAIR JANUARY 8:** During the coffee time, and into the 11:00 hour, any groups or committees who would like to share information are invited to set up and use all, or part, of a table in the gym. Feel free to bring materials to interpret your efforts with other members.

*Adult Nurture class (beginning 1/8)*

**IMAGES OF GOD :** Our church bulletin says, "...we strive toward the use of inclusive language as it pertains to people and to God." Does that have anything to do with Images of God? Come and explore Presbyterian history, Bible study and our psychological make up. We hope to learn how important images are to us. Jo Lucas, Norie Erickson, Ann Jones and Rob Craig will offer leadership for this January adventure.



"In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night."  
"Luke 2:8"

## Paths of the Flock

**The Following Were Remembered in Our Weekly Congregational Prayers During December 2011:** Nancy Marble; Jim Martin; Mark and Anne Owens; Marty Newsom; and Marge LaBrec; Liston & Betsy Hinson; Mary & James Henderson; Bill and Ann Jones; Jeff, Leah, Lexi & Kati Jackman-Wheitner; Howard Graninger; Terri, Jonathon, and Katie Glackin; Mike, Melissa, Andrew, Ellen, and Eric Hacker; Connie & J.R. Hudson; Victor, Carolyn, Alexandra, and Zachary Friend; Eric, Cindy, Hannah Frey and Jess Livinghouse; Tim, Monta, Maggie, Abby, Ellie, Lizzy, and Annie Frazier; Dick & Peggy Dunlevy.

## In case of a "Simple Sunday".....

If the Sheriff announces a snow emergency, urging cars off the roads, we will cancel all activities. If a Sunday morning appears **unusually** dangerous, but there is not a snow emergency declared, we may announce a "**Simple Sunday.**"

1. On a Simple Sunday, one or more of the Pastors will take responsibility for leadership that morning.
2. No other staff or leaders will be required or unnecessarily encouraged to attend.
3. Any members who wish to come to worship will be led by the staff in a simplified worship service.
4. The leaders will assign a few tasks from among those who attend.

Notification will be made by e-mail; radio stations QMIX and White River, and through a phone chain if time permits.

## Monday the 16th

OFFICE CLOSED (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

## Tuesday the 17th

6:00 am - 9:00 pm- Volunteers in Medicine—Location: Laws Room

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

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Evangelism/Adult Nurture Comm.—Location: Crump Room

## Wednesday the 18th

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

10:30 pm - 12:00 pm - Women's Bible Study—Location: Four Seasons

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Session—Location: Laws Room

## Thursday the 19th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

## Friday the 20th

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

6:45 am - 8:00 am - Women's Support Group—Location: Reeves Rm.

11:00 am-12:00 pm - Prayer Circle—Location: Crump Room

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals —Location: Gym

## Sunday the 22nd

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

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Children's Sunday School— Location: FPC

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

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm - FPC Youth— Location: FPC

## Monday the 23rd

5:30 pm - 8:15 pm - Yoga—Location: Gym

**Monday the 9th**

5:30 pm - 8:15 pm - Yoga—Location: Gym

**Tuesday the 10th**

1:30 am - 3:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Group—Location: Sanctuary

5:00 pm –8:30pm Tai Chi—Location: Gym

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

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Children’s Nurture Comm.—Location: Library

7:15 pm - 8:30 pm - Bread for the World—Location: Reeves Room

**Wednesday the 11th**

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

11:30 am - 9:00 pm - Women’s Gathering—Location: Bistro 310

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Worship Committee—Location: Lindeman Room

**Thursday the 12th**

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Stewardship and Fin. Comm. Location: Crump Rm.

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

**Friday the 13th**

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

6:45 am - 8:00 am -Women's Support Group—Location:Reeves Rm.

11:00 am-12:00 pm - Prayer Circle—Location: Crump Room

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals —Location: Gym

**Sunday the 15th**

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

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Children’s Sunday School— Location: FPC

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

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - O&A Comm. —Location: Crump Room

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm - FPC Youth— Location: FPC

**Advent Market for Good Thank You**

*Dear Presbyterian family and friends,*

Advent shines a light on our hopes as well as our needs. Thank you for shining your light at the Market for Good! You brought hope and love to people in Palestine and Africa as well as those you gifted with our treasures. Blessings to all who participated.

The Witness and Social Justice Committee

**Need to schedule an event at FPC?**

We in the church office hope everyone is enjoying visiting the new church website. Now that the calendar is on the website, updates are made to it daily. If you have a question as to whether or not your event is occurring, you can check the calendar. It's easy. Just go to [fpccolumbus.org](http://fpccolumbus.org) and when the home page comes up, click on calendar. The current month calendar comes up but you can click on the next month if you need to. Go to your day and see if your event is listed. If it is listed on the calendar, it is happening. If it is not listed, don't make a wasted trip. If you click on your event you can find out what time and where it is occurring along with any information you may need to know. Or just click on the “printer friendly” option and see a complete list. Try it, it's easy!

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**The February Newsletter Deadline is January 19.**

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## Preschool News



The preschool staff sends a big thank you to the church for the donation of their old copy machines and folding machine. This equipment will make our jobs so much easier and is so much better than what we were using before!

As a reminder, **2012-2013 preschool registration for current, previous and church families is Monday, January 9 at 6:00 pm in the gym.** General public registration begins Tuesday, January 17 at 9:00am in the preschool business office.

December was a wonderful month at preschool! Santa popped in to all of our classes and we visited the sanctuary where Pastor Peggy shared the Christmas story with us. We collected many boxes full of toys and coats to donate and have the opportunity to help others again during the month of January when we collect Food for Fish for Love Chapel. We are asking our families to donate peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese and saltines. We hope our collection boxes will be overflowing!

Our favorite magician, Travis Easterling, will wow us with his magic when he returns for a visit in late January. What a joy it is to see the children's faces during his performance!

We are grateful for the support of our church family and the many blessings we receive every day.

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## The 2nd Friday Book Group

The next book that will be discussed is *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. All are welcome to join the book group. Joining is as easy as calling the church office to order a book and showing up at our next meeting! We meet at noon on the second Friday of every month in the Miller Room.

## January Calendar

### Sunday the 1st

**9:30 am** Worship Service (Communion served)

### Monday the 2nd

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**5:30 pm - 8:15 pm** - Yoga—Location: Gym

**6:00 pm - 7:00 pm** - Personnel Committee—Location: Crump Room

### Tuesday the 3rd

**5:00 pm - 8:30pm** - Tai Chi- Location: Gym

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

**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm** - Property Comm.—Location: Crump Room

### Wednesday the 4th

**9:30 am - 11:30 am** - Staff Meeting

**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 5th

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

### Friday the 6th

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

**6:45 am - 8:00 am** - Women's Support Group—Location: Reeves Rm.

**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm** - Hot Meals -Location: Gym

### Sunday the 8th

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

**10:00 am - 11:00 am** - Children's Sunday School— Location: FPC

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

**4:00 pm - 8:00 pm** - FPC Youth— Location: FPC

## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Ron Hale
- 2 David Franz, Alan Kilbarger
- 3 Cindy McMillin, Carol Pennington, Lori Rowan
- 4 Jim Battin
- 6 Joan Burnett, Anita Davie, Mark Harper
- 7 Rich Newton
- 8 Nathan Moore, Bobbie Walker
- 10 Jacob Elwood, Carolyn Friend
- 12 Barbara Betz
- 13 Samantha Miller
- 14 Angi Meyer, Susan Starewicz
- 15 Ben Bush
- 16 Adam Betz, Karie Hale, Kathy Therber
- 17 Kelcie Davie, Cora Therber
- 18 Brennan Boatwright
- 19 Benjamin Stenner
- 21 Jon Franz
- 22 Jeff Daiker, Sydney Keaton
- 24 Wendy Elwood
- 26 Katie Frazier
- 27 Steve Kinsey, Trey Sanders
- 28 Ella Bergman, Judy Bonnell, Marge LaBrec
- 31 Alexis Spurgeon



## January Anniversaries

- 5 Mike and Melissa Hacker
- 6 Ben and Pat Bush
- 21 John and Nancy Sawin
- 27 Kaye Ellen and John Connor
- 29 Barbara and Herb Hoover
- 31 Jane and Bill Daniel



## JANUARY -OUR MONTH TO FILL THE PANTRY AT LOVE CHAPEL

This month, as we celebrate the coming of the Magi after Jesus' birth, we can take a breath and reflect on our weeks of "waiting" during Advent, the busy-ness of preparing for celebrations, and the blessings we have received and continue to enjoy.

But we know that not everyone in our community is as blessed. Many are still struggling with complex issues of homelessness, health issues, no or low-wage jobs, and lack of education. These people turn to Love Chapel for help and a chance for a new beginning. More than 700 people receive assistance each month, and December is an especially busy time. Supplies are low at the beginning of the year.



As a founding church of the Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches, we are charged with re-stocking the food pantry at Love Chapel every January. During this month you will hear more about their work and the needs.

How does it work? Here are 3 ways:

We ask you to make a **CASH DONATION**. Historically we have used the average cost of a bag of groceries as a guideline, however, EVERY donation, in any amount is important and needed.

You can **BRING AN ITEM OF FOOD OR CLEANING SUPPLIES** and give it to one of the children to bring forward during the time for young people in the Sunday service.

You can call Jane Pettit, Volunteer Coordinator at Love Chapel, at 372-9421 to see how you can **USE YOUR TIME AND TALENTS TO FURTHER THEIR MISSION**.

**LOOK FOR COUPONS TO SUBMIT WITH CASH DONATIONS IN YOUR SUNDAY BULLETINS**

### Attention: To all the lovebirds in our congregation



Your FPC Youth will be hosting a Sweetheart Dinner on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

This will be a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day with your loved ones. This will be a special event that you won't want to miss and as always you will be helping us to fund our future mission outreach trips. Mark your calendars and watch for details coming soon in your bulletin!

### FPC Youth "Thank You" to the congregation

*Dear Congregation,*

*Thanks to your copious amounts of time and monetary benevolence, your spawn youth group has been able to share the Christmas spirit with those less fortunate. We would like to give our sincere thanks to you in helping us in our spiritual quest for mission. Through the years, we have had trouble with promptness, but this year you have really gone all out. The youth sends you some Jesus-grams.*

*Youth Group OUT.*

Katie Glackin would like to thank the congregation for their generous contributions to Love Chapel and their support of her Senior Project Concert for Love Chapel. Over 180 items and \$1510 were donated in recognitions of her project to help meet the needs of our community. Thank you so very much for your help and support.

### Annual Youth Ski Trip to Perfect Slopes North

**What:** FPC Youth Group annual ski and tubing trip

**Where:** Perfect North Slopes, Lawrenceburg, IN  
([www.perfectnorth.com](http://www.perfectnorth.com))

**When:** Monday, January 16th (leave church 8 a.m. and return to church at approximately 5 p.m.)

**Who:** You, family, and friends!

Contact Rita Selheim for more details: [rmselheim5@gmail.com](mailto:rmselheim5@gmail.com)



**Youth Ministry Architect Report to Congregation:** Last October, the Youth Nurture Committee requested an on site evaluation of our youth program from the Youth Ministry Architects. This is an organization with many years experience in building and *sustaining* youth groups. They delivered their report to Session. Since then, the Youth Nurture Committee has been working to respond to several of their important suggestions. Youth Nurture would also like to share this report with the congregation, therefore we have requested time during the Adult Nurture hour on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Youth Nurture would ask that you take the time to read the report in its entirety prior to the adult nurture class. You can see the report on line at [www.fpccolumbus.org](http://www.fpccolumbus.org), go to the youth link and then click on Youth Ministry Architect and the full report will download for you to read. Youth Nurture looks forward to talking and sharing not only the report but also the important work that the Youth Nurture Committee is undertaking in response.

## 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:



Summer  
Missions  
2012

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 build-**

**ing 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 Saturday, June 23 to 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/>

## Status of the 2012 Consecration Campaign

The Stewardship and Finance Team hopes that all members who are able will provide an estimate of giving card for 2012 to the church office (Tammy Pace). If you have not yet done so, please do. The office has blank cards and some are provided in the pew racks. The consecration approach encourages church members to reflect on stewardship as an integral part of worship and to give generously to support the mission and activities of the church. With little time left in the campaign, 100 giving estimates for 2012 totaling approximately \$393,000 have been received. There were 125 estimates of giving received for 2011 totaling \$460,000. The goal of the Session is to present a balanced budget with all programs and commitments funded by giving estimates.

## Parking Spaces Are at a Premium

With all the downtown construction, parking can be a challenge on weekdays. The public lot across 7<sup>th</sup> Street is frequently full. Those of us connected to the church can relieve the problem by using the church lot, when practical. Of course, there are many understandable reasons to park near the south side of our building. Our lot is very busy, with Preschool traffic, for a few minutes around 8:00 and 11:30. Otherwise, you may want to give our lot a try.



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 [tammyp@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:tammyp@fpccolumbus.org)  
Recent e-mails were about the Tuttle Memorial Service, a change in our secretarial staff, and a link to the December newsletter.



Associate Pastor:  
Reverend  
Peggy Casteel

## From the Desk of Pastor Peggy

I will be taking 3 weeks of my vacation from year 2010 in January. I will be gone from Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> and returning to the office on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. I have chosen to take only 3 weeks instead of my entire 4 weeks as I have been accepted into the Academy of Spiritual Formation that begins February 7. I will use my last week of vacation for my first week of the Academy.

This is a 2 year Academy whose purpose is to “provide an in-depth and comprehensive experience in spiritual formation” for clergy. It is both ecumenical and inclusive. Session has approved my participation in this ongoing pastoral education. The school requires my presence 4 weeks out of the year for 2 years. In the between times, I will be meeting with a core group, doing the readings and course requirements. I am very pleased to have been accepted into this Academy and I know that what I learn will inform my preaching and help me to be an even better spiritual mentor to our youth.

In my absence, Lisa Porter will begin using youth group time with both groups to begin the work on the Youth Worship Sunday coming March 11, 2012. There will also be additional activities for both Jr and Sr High coordinated by Bonnie Boatwright and Aimee Aufdermauer for the Jr High and Jeff Wheitner and Joanna Barnes for the Sr. High youth. On January 29 we hope to have a reunion of youth with their mentors from confirmation which will also give the Jr High youth a chance to meet these find leaders as they look forward to their own confirmation experience beginning August, 2012.

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### Speaking of 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. Please let me know of your interest in participating in this confirmation experience by the time I return from vacation on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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

### Youth Schedule for January, 2012

#### January 1 – Happy New Year!

#### January 8 – Regular schedule as follows:

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Jr High Youth Group

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Talent Time with Jenny McNamee

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Supper

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Sr High Youth (@ Lasertag Center)

#### January 15 – Regular schedule for youth group

#### January 16 – Perfect North Ski Trip

Watch for details from Rita Selheim, coordinator

#### January 22 – Regular schedule for youth group

#### January 29 – Regular schedule for youth group