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Senior High PYF is Montreat-Bound

Sr. High PYF has announced its summer 2007 trip: the youth are bound for Montreat, North Carolina.

Each year, First Presbyterian's Sr. High PYF raises funds and takes a trip, either for mission, focused on helping others, or for personal growth, focused on fellowship and enriching their spiritual lives. The past 2 years have seen our youth performing mission work in Rock Island, IL. This year, they will participate in a youth conference at the Montreat Conference Center, one of three national conference centers affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Montreat is visited annually by over 35,000 people seeking physical and spiritual renewal in the beautiful western North Carolina mountains.

Bob Keough, Sr. High PYF leader, is

pleased to announce that four PYF members will be traveling to Montreat in June, with Pastor Mike and Elizabeth as the group leaders. Montreat conferences have been given rave reviews by our youth who have participated in past years, and this group is looking forward to a great week in NC.

Watch for announcements of upcoming fundraisers to help send our kids to Montreat..and yes, they will be presenting the famous and fabulous Dessert Auction!



For more information on the Montreat Conference Center and the programs held there, go to www.montreat.org.

Special Offering for Presby. Children's Services

In response to a plea from PCS, First Presbyterian's Session has approved the taking of a [special offering on March 18, 2007](#).

Our Clerk of the Session, Jan Hartje, received a letter from the President/CEO of Presbyterian Children's Services, James Thurman, asking that our church (and others) provide special help to Children's Services.

In his letter, Mr. Thurman described his

recent visits to the Children's Services campuses, including the Stubbins Home in Moberly, saying, "I was struck with the current state of furniture — you can imagine the wear and tear it shows with so many teenagers passing through!"

In response to what he saw, Thurman has instituted a campaign to replace worn carpeting and furniture in the homes. According to Thurman, "each of the children in

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Youth Musical to be Presented April 22

Mark your calendars! The children's choir and Mid-High Bell Choir will present a musical on April 22 at the 9:30am worship service. The title of the musical is *The Music Machine*, and it features the fruit of the Spirit. When an object is put in the machine, a song comes out. Some of the musical selections to be performed are: *A Land Called Love* and *The Whistle Song*. Other songs

are titled for the fruit of the Spirit: *Patience*, *Gentleness*, and *Self Control*.

Children and Mid-High PYF students are encouraged to try out for solos and/or speaking parts. The musical is under the direction of Elaine AuBuchon. Contact Elaine or Ronnaug at the church for more information (665-4473), or email of-
fice@presbykv.org.

Valentine's Dinner is Feb. 17—Reserve Your Place

The Christian Education Committee announces that the 2007 Valentine's Dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the home of Bob and Janis Keough.

This year's dinner is a bit of a departure from that of the past few years. Instead of a "progressive dinner," the entire event will be held at the Keough home. If you attended last year's dinner, you'll remember the appetizer course held in the "ruins" of

the Keough dining room and library. This year, you'll be treated to dinner in rooms with both walls and ceilings!

Don't forget, this event is **not** for sweethearts or couples only. So, if you'd like to have a good time with good friends, make your reservation! Please contact the church office no later than Feb. 14 to get your name on the list.

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our care deserves the safest, cleanest, most love-filled and home-like surroundings we can provide." Currently, 72 children are under the care of PCS.

Thurman listed these specific needs:

- Replace carpeting/flooring in 24 bedrooms at \$900 per room
- Replace bedroom furniture in 24 rooms, each of which houses 2 children, \$3,500

per room

• Replace living room and dining room furniture in 8 cottages, \$4,000 per cottage
Please, give generously to this good cause on Sunday, March 18. For more information on PCS and the Stubbins Family and Youth Center, go to:
www.presbyterianchildren.org



Presbyterian Children's Services
...caring for children since 1914

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Submit articles by the 25th of the month to:

newsletter@presbykv.org

Help Wanted: The Hospitality Committee of the Board of Deacons seeks friendly people to help with greeting and ushering in 2007. Contact Teri Haman or Janis Keough to volunteer, or sign up on the sheet in the South stairwell leading to the Narthex. Thanks in advance!

Mike's Page

I want to talk about a verbal phenomenon. Maybe you've noticed the following phrase, maybe you've even uttered it: my church. As in, "this is my church," or, "would you like to visit my church?" or "Mike is the terrific new pastor at my church." *Aw, shucks, ma'am.* The phrase "my church" has at least two aspects, let's call them, a positive and a negative.

Whenever we say "my church" and we mean "this is where I belong. This is my home. I am who I am because of my church. I have learned about Jesus, the Spirit, the Trinity, Noah and the Ark, everything that I know about the Christian life because of my church. My life has been changed and we have helped change other people's lives at my church." When you and I say it in this way, the words "my church" are open. It's almost as if the very doors of the church are open. And we belong. We belong to God, to each other. And we even belong to the church.

But, as you might have guessed, there is a negative aspect, one we must all guard against. It's when we say "my church" and imply ownership, control, delimiting standards. When we say "my church" to make sure there are no changes ever "to the right or to the left," as Moses might say. When we say "my church" in this fashion, it is closed. It is as if the very doors of the church are closed. Because we don't need any more people here. This is my church.

Now, so you don't think I am picking on you, I will admit that pastors fall into a particular trap with these words. When I talk to my friends, I SHOULD say, ". . . the church that I serve. . . ." But that takes a long time to say, doesn't it? "We will be having a spring musical during Eastertide at *the*

church that I serve." But honestly, what do I say? "My church." There's a positive and a negative aspect for these words for me, too.

If I mean "the church that I serve, where I am proud of the Holy Spirit's guidance of our officers and members and friends, where we hear the Word of God, try and live the Word, forgive each other for messing up and try to live a Christ-centered life," if I mean all that when I say "my church," then it's an open term.

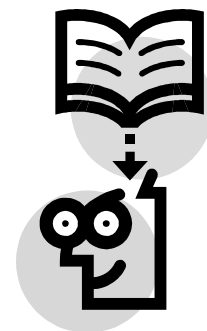
But if I imply ownership, if I try to control everything, if I try and legislate every little thing that happens so that "my church" ends up being, as Gollum from Tolkien might have it, "my own, my precious," then I have definitely slipped into idolatry, haven't I?

So this is a temptation that we BOTH face. You face it because of your history and connection here. I face it categorically, because of my role here.

I want to make us aware of this issue as we move ahead. I think this amounts to "testing the spirits," as Paul said. We want to make sure we do things for the right reasons.

Possibly a quick way to short circuit the problem would be to say "Our Church." Because it's all of ours. We are here for the Church, and the Church is here for us, as God is here for us. I think that's worth thinking about. "Our Church"

Sometimes when I look over at that rose stained-glass window at the Methodist Church, I think about that Church building, and ours, and even the Christian Church down the way. I wonder if they talk about us at night. "You'll never believe what my people did today." "Well I think I've got some of your people in here now." "Well, my people are wonderful. I wouldn't want anyone else." Yes, I wonder. — MM



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Mike's Office Hours

MONDAY: 8:30am-Noon; 1pm-5pm

TUESDAY: 8:30am-Noon

WEDNESDAY: 8:30am-Noon

THURSDAY: 8:30am-Noon; 1pm-5pm

FRIDAY & SATURDAY: No office hours



Fern Sanders Memorial Dedicated

Long-time First Presbyterian Church member, Fern Sanders, died on December 28, 2005. A year later, we dedicated a memorial to Fern. Below is the text of the memorial dedication presented by Fran Norman.

"It will be difficult for me to compress 96 years into a few sentences, but I will try.

Many of us remember Fern; some of you might remember her and many of you did not have that opportunity.

Fern Sanders was born and reared in Cory-

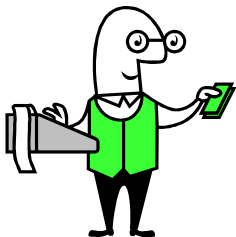
don, Iowa. She married Robert J. Sanders in 1929.

She and her husband lived in Chicago, San Diego, and in Iowa. They farmed, ran a cabin camp, gas station and restaurant. John Deere Company beckoned them, and they moved and made their home in Waterloo for 49 years. This family was very active in the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church: Fern and her musical family singing in the choir; her daughter playing the organ. Fern was a member of the Mother's Chorus in

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Financial Report, 31 December 2006

	Month Income	Month Expense	YTD In- come	YTD Ex- pense
Giving & Other Revenue	\$14,300		\$145,154	
Restricted Program Transfers			27,203	
Designated Income/Expense	2,220	\$2,467	11,855	\$11,919
Pastor Search Committee			60	3,373
Direct Mission		1,000		12,100
Pastoral Leadership		5,131		22,133
Worship & Music		1,638	255	20,912
Christian Education	62	826	1,461	6,545
Administrative Support	5	4,572	245	60,677
House & Grounds	4	1,567	9,440	34,065
General Needs		14	485	2,706
Campus Ministry		9	3,295	943
Membership Shepherding		292		940
Community Ministries	30	91	1,419	6,116
Rollins Ministry	2,482	1,831	32,594	24,502
Westminster House Ministry	<u>0000</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>0000</u>	<u>3,473</u>
Total	<u>\$19,103</u>	<u>\$19,724</u>	<u>\$233,466</u>	<u>\$210,404</u>
Undesignated Cash Checking Account: \$12,927.96				



Presbyterian Campus Fellowship News

This year's Presbyterian Campus Fellowship group is one of the most active First Presbyterian has seen in some time. It's really hard to keep up with them! Their activities so far have included a huge kickoff party, regular SOS (Supper on Sunday) meetings, "taking over" the worship service one Sunday, and bowling.

At the end of the fall semester, the group held a "breakfast for dinner"/relaxation session to prepare for finals, and a study hall (with snacks) was held at Westminster House on Reading Day.

This semester won't see a let-up in the ac-

tion, either! First on the agenda is a Retreat to be held Feb. 2-3 at the Retreat Center in Edina. Led by Pastor Mike and Jennifer Hurst, the students will use their retreat for long-term planning and personal reflection.

The group plans to lead another worship service this spring, host a prayer vigil on Good Friday, and continue their Sunday evening get-togethers with discussions, Bible study, and, of course, food. If you're willing to help them by providing cooking services for the SOS meals (5:30 in Westminster Student Center), please contact Cheryl Gracey, the CM Committee chair.



Clockwise Below: Marie Zumwalt and Shannon Tanner, Jennifer Hurst and Carrie Ostrowski, help with the cooking for the PCF "Breakfast for Dinner"; Matt Carlson and Emilie Ward chill at Westminster House.



Lectionary Readings

• **Feb. 4 (Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

• **Feb. 11 (Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

• **Feb. 18 (Transfiguration Sunday)**

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

• **Feb 21 (Ash Wednesday)**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

• **Feb 25 (First Sunday in Lent)**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

February Events

Week of February 4-10

Sunday, 2/4

- Worship, 9:30am; Fellowship/Coffee-time, 10:30am, Fellowship Hall; Sunday School, 11am

Monday, 2/5

- Sr. High PYF, 7pm, Travers Room

Wednesday, 2/7

- Mid-Week Bible Study, 1pm, at a member's home (call the office for more information)
- Operation J.O.Y./Mid-High PYF, 3:30pm
- Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, Choir Room

Thursday, 2/8

- [Budget & Finance Committee](#), 1:30pm, Primary Room

Friday, 2/9

- [Parent's Night Out](#), 6pm, contact the church office for details.

Saturday, 2/10

- Presby Seniors, 9am, Ponderosa Restaurant

Week of February 11-17

Sunday, 2/11

- Worship, 9:30am; **Second Sunday Brunch**, 10:30am, Fellowship Hall; Sunday School, 11am

Monday, 2/12

- Sr. High PYF, 7pm, Travers Room

Tuesday, 2/13

- [Session and Deacons Meetings](#), 7pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, 2/14

- Mid-Week Bible Study, 1pm, at a member's home (call the office for more information)
- Operation JOY/Mid-High PYF, 3:30pm
- Adult Choir rehearsal, 7pm, Choir room

Saturday, 2/17

- Valentine's Dinner, Keough home, 6pm (call the office for details/reservations)



Week of February 18-24

Sunday, 2/18

- Worship, 9:30am; Coffee-time/Fellowship, 10:30am, Fellowship Hall; Sunday School, 11am; Presbyterian Campus Fellowship, 5:30pm, Westminster House

Monday, 2/19

- Sr. High PYF, 7pm, Travers Room

February Events, Continued

Wednesday, 2/21

- Mid-Week Bible Study, 1pm, at a member's home (call the office for more information)
- Operation JOY/Mid-High PYF, 3:30pm
- **Ash Wednesday Service, 6pm**, ashes will be imposed (optional)
- Adult Choir rehearsal, 7pm, Choir room

Thursday, 2/22

- [Campus Ministry Committee Meeting](#), 7pm, Junior room

Week of February 25-March 3

Sunday, 2/25

- Worship, 9:30am; Fellowship/Coffee-time, 10:30am, Fellowship Hall; Sunday School, 11am; Presbyterian Campus Fellowship, 5:30pm, Westminster House

Monday, 2/26

- Sr. High PYF, 7pm, Travers Room

Tuesday, 2/27

- [Christian Education Committee Meeting](#), 7pm
- [Presbyterian Women's Meeting](#), 7pm, Fellowship Hall—Lesson by Fran Norman, Devotions by Pat Lintner, Refreshments by Paula Presley

Wednesday, 2/28

- Mid-Week Bible Study, 1pm, at a member's home (call the office for more information)
- Operation JOY/Mid-High PYF, 3:30pm

February Birthdays and Anniversaries — Congratulations!

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb. 1—Doris Bohon

Feb. 5—Ken Locke

Feb. 7—Hannah Faith Easley, Georgette Achimbi

Feb. 8—John Slavin

Feb. 14—Janice Biehl; Carol Kling

Feb. 17 — Marian Bell

Feb. 19—Natalie Cannaday; Robert Sprehe

Feb. 20—Mary Ann Flanagan

Feb. 21—Barbie Sanders; Beth De Witt

Feb. 22—James Rhodes

Feb. 23—Pamela Smith

Feb. 25—Jeff Arabas

Feb. 26—Lara Lee Biehl

Feb. 28—Tod Sylvara

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bob and Janis Keough, Feb. 11



Food of the Month:

Oats



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Waterloo, somewhat like our Community Chorus here in Kirksville.

Fern was a caregiver to her daughter, who suffered from M.S. for many years. Her husband died in 1990 and she then moved to Kirksville with Bob and Barbie. She attended our church services, always sitting in the third row pew. She enjoyed her Sunday School class and was very active in the Women's Circle.

I quote from Bob and Barbie: "She is remembered as a very gentle person; a very loving mother and grandmother." I remember her as a petite Victorian lady with a lovely smile.

Today, we dedicate three new Hymnals and a beautiful Linden tree, planted on our south lawn as a living memory of and tribute to a lovely lady. As we drive up on the south side of our church and see this tree, we will continue to remember Fern Sanders."



From The Presbyterian Handbook

The Great Ends of the Church

Presbyterians recognize that the church is the people of God who serve God in this world through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We recognize the "Great Ends" or purposes of the church to be:

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of human-kind
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
- The maintenance of divine worship
- The promotion of social righteousness
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world (*Book of Order*, G-1, 0200)



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