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## A Summer of Opportunities for Young and Old

### THE FOUR OPPORTUNITIES (FOR KIDS)

You will want to be a part of each of the following opportunities. They will be crammed with puzzles, games, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, campfires, swimming, food, and much, much more! (drum roll, please...)

Sunday School	The Bible and <i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i>
Summer Church Camp	A choice of dates: June or July
VBS	July 6-9: <i>Power Lab!</i>
Christmas in July	July 25: Friday evening a mini lock-in for kids and teens July 27: Christmas Worship Service for all ages

### THE FOUR OPPORTUNITIES (FOR ADULTS)

Sunday School	The Bible and <i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i> , possibly <i>Prince Caspian</i> , both by C.S. Lewis
Summer Church Camp	Volunteers are always needed. How about going as one of the camp cooks? a counselor? camp nurse? See Pastor Mike or Ronnaug
VBS	This year, how about helping with our 3-day VBS? Most anything you would like to do is waiting for you. Contact Ronnaug
Christmas in July	July 27: Christmas Worship Service at 9:30 am.

## Operation J.O.Y. Party!

Wednesday, April 30 will be the last day of our Wednesday after-school programs. Both *Operation J.O.Y.* and Middle-High PYF will conclude that day. But what a day it will be!! How does this sound?

- Van pick-up at schools
- Delivered to Brashear Park
- Hang out 'til 4:30
- Delivered to Dairy Queen
- Enjoy ice cream treats
- Delivered to the church
- Parent pick-up



## Welcome to Our Church Family!

**Above:** Elliot Knox Jennings with his big brother Patrick. Family says Elliot is doing well.

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## April Lectionary

### APRIL 6

*3rd Sunday of Easter*

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Psalms 116:1–4, 12–19

1 Peter 1:17–23

Luke 24:13–35

### APRIL 13

*4th Sunday of Easter*

Acts 2:42–47

Psalms 23:1–6

1 Peter 2:19–25

John 10:1–10

### APRIL 20

*5th Sunday of Easter*

Acts 7:55–60

Psalms 31:1–5, 15–16

1 Peter 2:2–10

John 14:1–14

### APRIL 27

*6th Sunday of Easter*

Acts 17:22–31

Psalms 66:8–20

1 Peter 3:13–22

John 14:15–21

## Corrections and Updates

The members of our church who participated in the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance mission trip to Mississippi would like the church to know that they each paid \$135 for food and lodging on the trip. Meals and “pod” housing were provided to all mission workers while in Mississippi. While doing the mission work was enjoyable, it was not a paid vacation.

## In Memoriam

The Memorial Dedication honoring KAY ALM (1938–2007) will be April 13, 2008, during the regular church services. Kay was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church. She served as a deacon, was very active and faithful in Campus Ministry, and served as secretary of the Presbyterian Woman for many years. In honoring Kay’s wishes, a beautiful large double-door refrigerator has been purchased. We honor Kay.

*Fran Norman*  
Memorial Committee

During morning worship, March 16, a new silver communion chalice was dedicated in loving memory of LEWIS S. DANFELT (1920–2005). Lew was a faithful member of this church serving as elder, deacon and choir director for many years. It is with deep reverence and gratitude that we accept this memorial gift as a sacred trust to the Glory of God.

*Linda Hudnall*  
Memorial Committee Chair

## Notes from the Deacons and Session

### DEACONS’ REPORT

John Rowe reports that May 3, 8:00 am–12:00 noon, has been finalized as the “Fish for Hunger” date. Money raised will go to the local food bank. Information about the event will be distributed to the community as well as to our church.

### SESSION REPORT

We welcomed Garrett (Gary) and Mary Elam as new members by affirmation of faith. They grew up in Kirksville, moved away, then had the opportunity to move home again. They are happy to be back and to be nearer to family.

We also welcomed Colleen Allen and Martha Mavis as new members by transfer of membership.

Jerry Haman has resigned from Session because he feels service as an Elder conflicts with his duties as a Trustee of the Bell Fund. Session accepted his resignation.

### Budget & Finance

Cash flow continued to be tight during February.

### Building Improvement

The balance in the elevator fund now stands at \$8000, enough to cover the Phase I work. Benton and Associates has been here

and taken a look at our building. They will next give us a full-scale plan.

### Christian Education

Sunday, July 27 will be “Christmas in July” this year, with carols, hot chocolate and other tidings of the “season.”

### House and Grounds

The organ will need some refurbishment soon, and we want to make sure it is well taken care of. About \$20,000 is required, and if that money becomes available soon, we can start the work soon. There are some possible sources.

### Topics Related to the Bell Fund

Around twice a year, the Bell Fund gives the church a check for approximately \$10,000. Historically, this has not happened on a regular basis. Because having a regular date of payment would be helpful for planning purposes, the Session was asked to consider a motion to that effect. Such a motion would not strictly be binding on the Trustees of the Bell Fund, but it would be hoped that they would take it very seriously.

Because of the questions raised by the recent difficulties related to the Bell Fund, Brent Mayberry has offered to come talk with the Session about general issues related to trusts.

## Mike's Page:

You may not know this, but St. Paul was very good about "thank-you" notes. He seemed to always include some sort of "thank-you" both explicitly and implicitly in his letters.

In Philippians, he includes an explicit thank-you in Chapter 4. He shares with the church all the things that have happened to him and then says

"I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it."

Paul is thanking them for their continued financial support of his ministry, as well as all the support they provide spiritually and emotionally.

In Romans, Paul gives us an implicit example of his ministry of thank-you notes. It comes to us as what some might call a "shout out." Paul says in Romans 16:2:

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

In this manner, Paul can both thank Phoebe and also do what came so naturally: tell the church what to do. That Paul!!

Reflecting on Paul's thank-you notes, I want to tell you how much I appreciate all you do for me and for our church. We have just concluded one of the most holy and special Lenten seasons I have ever had. That has everything to do with the power of the Holy Spirit and YOU! I am very thankful. Thank you for everything.

A few Pauline "shout-outs" if I may. I want to thank the Worship Committee for the wonder-

ful Maundy Thursday Meal: Lin Twinning did a great job with the delicious soup; Dana Slavin made sure the atmosphere was wonderful; Jay Bulen arranged for "God's Trombones" to accompany our hymns and lift our spirits; and our confirmands! They rose to the occasion as they stripped the church, something that they were unfamiliar with, but did with grace and dignity. And they even woke up EARLY for the Easter Sunrise Service. Great kids.

Thank you to the Presbyterian Women who filled Easter eggs with candy and treats so our young families could enjoy the 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Your ministry to all of us was delicious.

I want to thank the Deacons for our Easter sunrise breakfast. I feel that if the Disciples could have had pancakes and sausage, they would have caught up with the Lord in Galilee much more quickly than they did! John Rowe and the Deacons continue to outdo themselves. I feel so much gratitude for how our Deacons serve us and our community.

Thank you to those who attended our Lent Lunches. Our small services of prayer were special to each of us. I think they helped us remain centered as the days and weeks went on in the season of Lent.

I also want to thank the church staff. There is so much that the church staff does to make life in the church special. Ronnaug, Danny, Mark, Elaine, Janet—thank you for your ministries to us, for us, with us. Our lives are filled up by what you do. We are very blessed to be together.

Now, the danger of any lists, and I'm sure Paul knew about this, was that sometimes people are not mentioned. Maybe this led to the split between Paul and Barnabas? At any rate, I hope you will forgive any errors of memory. I appreciate you and your ministry in Christ's name. I look forward to many Lents to come.

*Michael*

## Mike's Office Hours

### MONDAY:

8:30 am – Noon

1:00 – 5:00 pm

### TUESDAY:

8:30 am – Noon

### WEDNESDAY:

8:30 am – Noon

### THURSDAY:

8:30 am – Noon

1:00 – 5:00 pm

### FRIDAY &

### SATURDAY:

No office hours.



## Fishing for Hunger

I have never been what you'd call a "fisherman." I remember the one and only time I tried to fish: I was standing on the dock at Clearwater Lake in Michigan. I was 10. I put a worm on my hook, and put my simple wooden pole in the water. I waited. Nothing happened. I yelled out to my aunt and uncle. "Nothing is happening." They assured me something would happen. Boring. But I gave it another try. I put the pole back in water. And I looked down and saw the largest Leviathan-esque creature—like a dragon of the sea—swim by my little pole. That was it. I was finished. Fishing wasn't for me. It was boring, AND it was dangerous.

But I'm giving fishing another chance. Here's why. A few months ago I preached a sermon, and one of my topics was about people in North Eastern Missouri who are hungry. Many people are right on the poverty line, or just below. They seem to be doing every-

thing right, but they have trouble paying their bills or always having enough to eat. What are good Christian Folk to do.

John Gering asked me, "What about Fish for Hunger?" John shared with me about this idea he had. See, John is not like me—he has had MANY good experiences fishing. I think John has caught a couple Leviathans of his own. So in our conversation about hunger in this region, John shared with me that he and others who were avid anglers could go out and get pledges from people (\$1 a fish, \$5 a fish) and then from 8 am to noon on May 3rd, they would catch as many fish as they could, legally, and collect the money. All the money that FISH FOR HUNGER raises would go to the Adair County Food Bank. John asked, "What do you think?" I said then, and I still say now that it is a great idea. I have never been much of a fisherman, but I'm going to give it another try.

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Hope's  
Kitchen

## Community Service: Hope's Kitchen

Our *Book of Order* tells us, "It is the duty of the Deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need—to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith." Our Deacons' involvement in local programs that assist those in distress beyond our congregation include...our Clothes Closet, Emergency Relief, Food 4 Kids, Food Depot, Habitat for Humanity and Hope's Kitchen.

The Deacons are pleased with the involvement of members of First Presbyterian who "lend a hand" in support of these programs when requested to help. We know that some of our members choose to give financial support to these groups, and that is a needed service also.

I want to highlight one of these services today. Hope's Kitchen was founded in 1999 by two young women, Rachel Higgins and Megan Lesczynski. These two girls were eighth graders at Mary Immaculate Catholic School at the time, and after determining that there was a need for a "soup kitchen" type of

operation in Kirksville went about getting it organized.

They began by serving a free noon meal at Mary Immaculate School cafeteria on the last Saturday of every month. Since it became apparent that not everyone could come to the cafeteria to eat they took telephone calls from people in the community and delivered the meals to their homes. Rachel and Megan continued to operate Hope's Kitchen for the next four years until they both graduated from Kirksville High School and went away to college.

Several local people kept Hope's Kitchen functioning until the APO Service Fraternity at KCOM took it on as one of their service projects. Hope's Kitchen is Incorporated as a not for profit organization with a Board of Directors made up of Community members and APO members. Noon meals are currently served on the third and fourth Saturdays of each month at Mary Immaculate School cafeteria.

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## Fishing (cont.)

I hope you will support this event, FISH FOR HUNGER, when it happens on May 3. And if, like me, you're not an angler, maybe you'd consider supporting through a pledge or two. I told John that someone could pledge to give me \$5000 a fish and it wouldn't matter. He said, "Michael, if they did that—I'd fish for you!" As the deacons and our interested church members lead us forward in this event, I hope you will support it with your gifts and prayers and service. We will need them all if we are to fish for hunger.

*Michael*

## Hope's Kitchen (cont.)

Two shifts of volunteers work each Saturday under the leadership of a shift manager. The first shift (the cooking shift) works from 9 am until 11:30 am, and the second shift (the serving/delivery/cleanup shift) works from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm. Presently Hope's Kitchen is serving 200 plus meals each working Saturday.

As mentioned, a number of our members have worked at Hope's Kitchen. Please notify John Rowe if you would like to be contacted whenever assistance is needed.

*John Rowe*

## Congratulations April Birthdays!

Brian Boskovich  
Eddie Hodges  
Haily McClanahan  
Tiffany Barnes  
Tim Carroll  
Sarah Traylor  
Tim AuBuchon

Steven Carroll  
Branson Boskovich  
Robert N. King, Jr.  
Bonnie Collier  
Blair Riley  
Derek Jones  
Tisha Barnes



## Financial Report

**FEBRUARY 29, 2007**

	Month	Month	YTD	YTD
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Giving & Other Revenue				
Restricted Program Transfers				
Designated Income/Expense				
Direct Mission				
Pastoral Leadership				
Worship & Music				
Christian Education				
Administrative Support				
House & Grounds				
General Needs				
Campus Ministry				
Membership Shepherding				
Community Ministries				
Rollins Ministry				
Westminster House Ministry				
<b>Total</b>				
Undesignated Cash Checking Account:				



**Above:** Esme AuBuchon gathers eggs at the McCormack's 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt. See [www.presbykv.org](http://www.presbykv.org) for more pictures.

## Dates to Remember

### SUNDAYS

**9:30–10:45 am:** Sunday Worship Service  
**11:00 am–12:00 noon:** Sunday School for all ages; Confirmation for Mid-High  
**5:30 pm:** Campus Ministry meal at the Westminster House

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**Apr. 13, 10:45 am:** Second-Sunday Brunch

### TUESDAYS

**Apr. 8, 7:00 pm:** Session/Deacons  
**Apr. 22, 7:00 pm:** Christian Education  
**Apr. 29, 7:00 pm:** Presbyterian Women

### WEDNESDAYS

**1:15 pm:** Bible Study  
**3:15 pm–5:15 pm (except 12th):** Operation J.O.Y., Mid-High Confirmation  
**7:00 pm–8:15 pm:** Adult Choir

### THURSDAYS

**Apr. 3, 1:30 pm:** Budget & Finance Committee

### FRIDAYS

**Apr. 11, 6:00 pm:** Parents' Night Out

### SATURDAYS

**Apr. 12, 9:00 am:** Presby Seniors at Ponderosa

### April Food:



### Dry Beans!

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