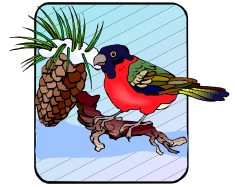


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5 Campus Meal, 5:30 PM	6 Sr. High PYF, 7:30 PM	7	8 Operation J.O.Y., 3:30 PM Mid-High PYF, 3:30 PM No Choir	9 Budget & Finance, 1:30 PM	10	11 Presby Seniors, 9:00 AM at Ponderosa Valentine's Dinner, 6:00 PM
12 Second-Sunday Potluck, after the service Campus Meal, 5:30 PM Cluster Meeting, 4:00 PM	13 Sr. High PYF, 7:30 PM	14 Session/Deacons, 7:00 PM	15 Operation J.O.Y., 3:30 PM Mid-High PYF, 3:30 PM Choir, 7:00 PM	16	17	18
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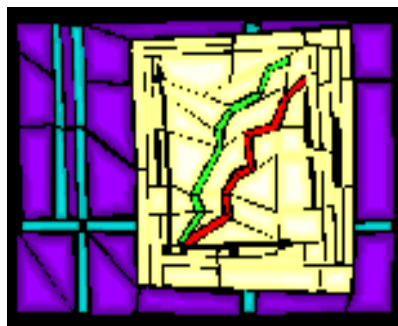
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WATCH FOR THE



PNC SURVEY!

[What's that? You didn't believe we had stained-glass statistics clip art?]

February Food:

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Sunday Services

Sundays at 9:30 am

Coffee and fellowship after service.

Adult and Kids' Sunday School

Sundays at 10:45 am

Senior High PYF

Mondays at 7:30 pm

Operation J.O.Y. and Mid-High PYF

Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

Campus Meal

Sundays at 5:30 pm

Adult Choir

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Presby Seniors

Saturday, February 11, 9:00 am

Meet at Ponderosa

Presbyterian Women

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 pm

Annual Valentine Dinner

February 11

Place t.b.a.

Begin at 6:30 pm

Free babysitting in church nursery. Sponsored by the Christian Education Committee.

February 12 Missouri Union Cluster Meeting

Representatives from the Missouri Union Presbytery Evaluation Committee will moderate a Cluster meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Kirksville at 4 PM on Sunday, February 12. Session members and other interested members from the Presbyterian churches in Kirksville, Green City, La Plata and Milan are encouraged to attend.

The purpose of this meeting is to evaluate the program, staff, and structure of our presbytery. The Director of Covenant Point Camp re-

cently accepted a call to another position. The future of the Camp and how it has and has not met our needs will be on the agenda. The current structure of the presbytery has been in place about five years, so this evaluation is timely.

Please plan to be in attendance and help us brainstorm on how the Presbytery can best be organized and operated to support our efforts to carry on the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ here in Kirksville and around the world.

Pastor Nominating Committee Begins Work

The Pastor Nominating Committee has begun its work. Elected by the congregation at the annual meeting, members of the committee are: Charles Gerdes, Mary Giovannini, Teri Haman, Kelvin Hodges, David Lintner, Greg Marshall, and Brenda Matheney. Mary Ellen Waychoff of the Presbytery's committee on ministry will be meeting with the group. Mary Giovannini agreed to chair the committee. Please feel free to contact any or all members of the committee. It is important to have your input.

The first job of the committee is to construct a survey for the congregation. It is important that the members and friends of the congregation have the opportunity to complete the survey and discuss what is

important about the church and the next pastor. We will reveal these values to candidates for the position as the next pastor.

What characteristics would you like to see in the new pastor? We must remember that God has already placed His hands on our next pastor. He is preparing this person for this ministry. Likewise, He is preparing our hearts to accept new leadership. Let's be open to talents and skills which this individual may have. Let's not be set on a person of a specific age, gender, stature, experience, etc.

The committee is open for your comments and suggestions until the time when we have specific candidates with whom we are talking. If this information were to be shared

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Mr. Lou's 2 Cents for February

By the time most of you read this, we (Mrs. Lou and I) will probably be halfway home. It has been a great experience for us again. The weather has been ideal—but we understand you have had a mild January as well.

The one big negative was that the alternator on the car gave out. But that was quickly repaired, and we were up-and-running again.

Had a long weekend visit with my brother. Always a blessed time when families are together.

Visited with Terry and Betty Tenbrink. What a witness they have for the way **THE LORD** is working in their life. Betty's cancer seems to have its "ups" and "downs," but she is always cheerful. When we leave their home, there is the feeling that we have been "touched" spiritually.

Finally hooked up with Harvey Young, the Walters, and the Bohons. They all showed up at Faith Presbyterian in Cape Coral. The pastor there was impressed with the "Kirkville Delegation." A golf day is still to come. Hope you will all keep Harvey in your prayers. He's had some medical problems while down here. Glad that **THE LORD** had me here to "touch him."

Visited the "Ding" Darling Bird Sanctuary and Refuge yesterday for the third time. It's awesome to see how **GOD** really had things planned out for **HIS** creation. The nesting habits of the osprey, the regeneration of the mangrove forests, the perfect balance of nature—and how we don't always understand when disasters strike—like hurricanes, for instance. Yet we trust it all to **THE LORD's** restorative power.

Danny checked in with me the other day and said all went well at the annual meeting. We were praying for you all as the Walters, Bohons, Young and Wollenbergs had lunch. Now you are on your way to restoring new life to First Presbyterian after a disaster. The new growth is evident, just as in the Mangrove forest on Sannibel Island. The joy in '06 is going to be found in searching out **THE LORD's** will for your new pastor (that **HE** has already picked out). Now we can pray for and with the **PNC**, that they seek out **THE LORD's** choice for your congregation.

Well—'nuf said for now. See you all soon! Let's celebrate together that First Sunday of the month.

Pastor Lou

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openly, someone from that individual's current congregation could find out the individual is looking. That could create a difficult situation for the individual. At that point the committee will become very quiet and you will not hear much from them.

The committee is planning to meet weekly. It is important to approach the process in an orderly way. The committee plans to proceed as quickly and cautiously as possible. This is an exciting time!

Lectionary Readings

February 5

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20C

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalms 30

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Matthew 5:21-37

February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 43:18-25

Psalms 41

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Mark 2:1-12

February 26

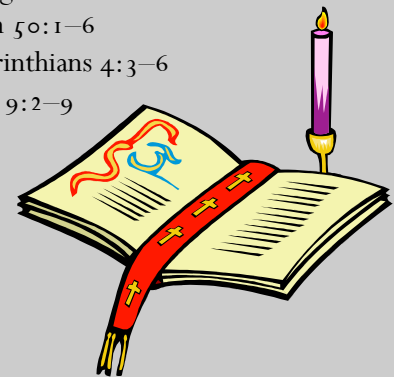
Transfiguration of the Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9



Pastoral Office Hours

Pastor Lou is currently traveling to Kirkville on one day of the week other than Sunday, but that day varies. Please call the church office to find out when he will be in.

Elders and Deacons will also continue to help with pastoral care duties during the interim period.



QUICK FAITH- BUILDERS

Hello, parents of children and teens!

I receive an abundance of articles dealing with children and teens. I will pass these on to you this month, if you like. Please check the table in the narthex each week. The articles will be printed on pink paper—watch for them! If there is a particular topic you would like to know more about, please let me know. I'm sure I have something that would help from my years of saving everything. ☺

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Hang in there, you are doing a great job of raising children!

Ronnaug

[Quick Faith-Builders are found in Childrens Ministry Magazine, Jan/Feb 2005 issue, pages 78-81.]

New Memorial Funds Established

Memorial funds have been established for both Lew Danfelt and Fern Sanders. Both were a part of our church's life for many years, and they will be missed. Contributions may be marked accordingly, placed in the offering, or given to Danny in the church office.

Operation J.O.Y. Resumes

On Wednesday, January 18 *Operation J.O.Y.* and Mid-High PYF resumed for the Spring Semester. We had perfect attendance of students and leaders.

Children in *Operation J.O.Y.* had the fun of standing next to the giraffe in the children's department to be measured for height. Stop by and see how tall they are. Jean provided wonderful snacks of graham crackers iced with chocolate frosting, bana-

nas, chocolate milk, and two Hershey's Kisses apiece. M-m-m-yummy! Ms. Elaine helped the children get back into learning new songs in choir, and Ms. Deborah told the Bible story about Deborah the Judge from the Old Testament. Each student correctly recited the memory verse and received a prize from the prize box.

We praise God for the joy of being together as Christian friends!



One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. It was covered with names and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the boy and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor McGhee, what is this?" Alex asked.

"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the men and women who have died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which one...the 9:00 or the 10:30 service?"



Congratulations! February Birthdays...



Doris Bohon
Ken Locke
Hannah Faith Easley
Georgette Achimbi
John Slavin
Ralph Sees
Janice Biehl
Carol Kling
Marian Bell
Natalie Cannaday

Robert Sprehe
Mary Ann Flanagan
Barbie Sanders
Beth De Witt
Reid McLean
James Rhodes
Daniel Kling
Pamela Smith
Lara Lee Biehl
Todd Sylvara



Notes From the Archives

Forty Years Ago this Month...

February 13 was Boy Scout Sunday, with Troop 25 celebrating their 56th anniversary. The troop attended church and helped usher. The Senior High youth group began a film strip and discussion series titled "A Basis for Sex Morality."

Thirty Years Ago this Month...

An ecumenical Sunday school class for handicapped children was

begun at the Methodist Church. The first session attracted four students. A survey from the Pulpit Nominating Committee asked members of the congregation to rank the most important attributes in a new pastor.

Twenty Years Ago this Month...

We began a Lenten study in "Caring for God's Earth," with sessions by John Settlege, Don Bailey, Kenneth Sykes and Peggy Bryan.

Schedule of 2006 Community Services

At right, you'll find a schedule of all First Presbyterian's Community Services. Usually volunteers present a devotional message, play the piano, lead the singing, and help the residents find pages in the hymnbooks. All volunteers are welcome! Contact Paula Presley or other members of the Worship Committee for details.

March 5	2:00 pm	Highland Crest
April 2	3:00 pm	Manor Care
April 23	2:00 pm	Highland Crest
June 11	2:00 pm	Highland Crest
July 2	3:00 pm	Manor Care
July 30	2:00 pm	Highland Crest
Sept. 17	2:00 pm	Highland Crest
Oct. 1	3:00 pm	Manor Care
Nov. 5	2:00 pm	Highland Crest
Dec. 24	2:00 pm	Highland Crest
Dec. 31	2:00 pm	Manor Care

News from Session

- + You—as a congregation—have taken the first big step toward getting a permanent pastor. You elected a Pastor Nominating Committee, (PNC), consisting of Charles Gerdes, Mary Giovannini, Teri Haman, Kelvin Hodges, David Lintner, Greg Marshall, and Brenda Matheney. Now, we all need to put them on our daily prayer list.
- + The Campus Ministry Committee will be setting up work days for painting Westminster House. Join in to make lots of progress and have some good fellowship while working.

News from the Deacons

- + Deacons will be creating a poster about the Van Ministry and inquiring about placing it at Highland Crest, St. Andrew's Apartments and Village '76.
- + Although members have always stepped forward to greet and usher on Sunday mornings, Deacons have not been overwhelmed with volunteers. Anyone interested in helping with this important part of our worship service is encouraged to sign up on the sheet posted in the front stairwell.
- + Deacons have been asked to coordinate distribution of Sunday-morning altar flowers. Listen for details in an upcoming announcement.
- + We have been considering ways to welcome and follow up with new members. An outdoor get-together when the weather warms was suggested.

Financial Report through December 2005

	Monthly Totals		Year-to-Date	
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Giving & Other Revenue				
Restricted Program Transfer				
Designated Income/Expense				
Direct Mission				
Pastoral Leadership				
Worship & Music				
Christian Education				
Administrative				
House & Grounds				
General Needs				
Campus Ministry				
Membership Shepherding				
Community Ministries				
Rollins Ministry				
Westminster House Ministry				
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