

JANUARY 2006



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|-----------|-----------|--|
| 1 Manor Care Service, 3:00 PM | 2 Office Closed | 3 | 4 Bible Study, 1:00 PM Choir, 7:00 PM | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Second-Sunday Potluck Brunch, after service | 9 Sr. High PYF, 7:30 PM | 10 Session/Deacons, 7:00 PM | 11 Bible Study, 1:00 PM Choir, 7:00 PM | 12 | 13 | 14 Presby Seniors, 9:00 AM, Ponderosa |
| 15 Congregational Meeting, after service Highland Crest Service, 2:00 PM Campus Meal, 5:30 PM | 16 Personnel Committee, 7:00 PM Sr. High PYF, 7:30 PM | 17 | 18 Bible Study, 1:00 PM Op. J.O.Y., 3:30 PM Mid-High PYF, 3:30 PM Choir, 7:00 PM | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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| 29 Campus Meal, 5:30 PM | 30 Sr. High PYF, 7:30 PM | 31 Presbyterian Women, 7:00 PM | | | | |

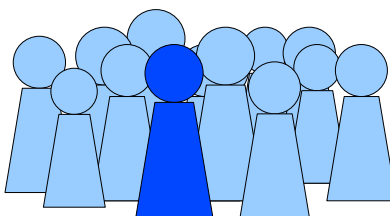


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Kirksville, Missouri

January 2006

See You at the
Congregational Meeting!

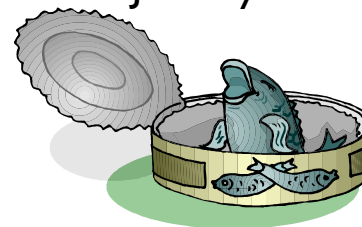


*Sunday, January 15
After the Service*

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January Food:



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Get Involved at 1st Pres.!

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, January 14, 9:00 am

Meet at Ponderosa

Presbyterian Women

Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 pm

Annual Valentine Dinner February 11

Other details not available, but we guarantee it will be fun. Put it on your calendar now so you don't miss a minute! Sponsored by Christian Education Committee.

P.S. Free babysitting!

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

On December 14, the children in Operation J.O.Y. and Mid High PYF held parties in Fellowship Hall and the Travers Room, respectively. The PYF members created cards for their leaders, Greg and Nicole Marshall. Mary Novinger helped them complete this project before the Marshalls arrived. Thanks, Mary. Plenty of food and fun were enjoyed by Sam Hatala, Matthew Matheney, Megan Matheney, Derek Jones and Andrew Giovannini, as well as the Marshalls.

Meanwhile, the J.O.Y. kids were enjoying their party. Jean Crawford served refreshments of fruit, cheese, crackers and punch. When the children finished eating, Jean had a sur-

prise for them. From its hiding place, Jean brought out a basket full of Beanie Babies. She let each child choose the one he/she wanted. What fun!

Then Ms. Ronnaug asked Jean to sit by the Christmas tree and the children gathered 'round for a picture. Thanks, Jean, for such a nice surprise. The children played games, sang Christmas carols with Ms. Elaine around the piano, and closed the party with a devotion time around the Christmas tree. Finally, we had a gift for each person. Thank you, parents, for such a great bunch of kids to work with!

Holiday Notes of Thanks

To Our Dear Friends at 1st Presbyterian:

As Mrs. Lou and I made ready for the Christmas Eve Service, who should appear in the doorway of the study? Not Santa, but your own personal representative bearing a gift. Thank you all for your generosity.

But more than that is your love and support of the ministry at First Church. I may be the one you see most often on the chancel, but I assure you that Mrs. Lou is a most important part of all that I do. So from both of us . . .

ThankYou!!!!

The Lou's

Dear Congregation:

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. We will enjoy first thinking how to spend the money, and then actually making a purchase. The greatest gift of all, though, is working with all of you, and we look forward to serving the Lord with you in the coming year.

Danny and Ronnaug

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Mr. Lou's 2 Cents for January

When I think of what is ahead for 2006, I admit that I am more than just a little excited. This should be a great year in the life of First Presbyterian Church. Just for starters, I look back at the rear of the sanctuary and see the babies that are there, nestled in the care of loving parents, representing a commitment to strong family relationships in the congregation's life. What could be more positive?

In the brief time that Mark Jennings has been with us, the quality of musical leadership for the choir has been superb. It has been a blessing in our time of worship together. Hopefully, more of you will want to offer your talent to the choir program and become involved in that ministry.

Then the joy on Laura Easley's face when she announced that it looked like you had all responded positively to the challenge to fund a total "Pastor Salary Package." As a result, the Session directed John Rowe (chair of the congregation's Nominating Committee) to bring a slate of nominees to the Annual Meeting on January 15 to serve on the church's Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). To make it a workable group, the suggested number is seven, but you can elect as many as you wish. It usually takes about six to nine months for this committee to complete its work. I would hope that your new pastor would be here before the Fall Semester of '06. That means you will be "putting up" with me for another couple of months. I'll do my best to meet your needs and expectations.

Just a couple of additional thoughts about this process of calling your next pastor. It has been my contention for many years that The Lord has your pastor all picked out. The exciting thing is for the PNC to link up with The Lord in the process, through the discipline of prayer, in order to discover who The Lord has chosen for you. *The discipline of prayer*, however, is not just for the PNC alone. The whole congregation would also become involved through a regular discipline of prayer. This is the time for the "family of God"—First Presbyterian branch—to become focused in the support of your PNC. I believe it will bear much good fruit for you as the year goes by.

Now it is off to Ft. Myers for Mrs. Lou and me, and the ministry to our "snowbirds" who are there already. We will continue to hold you in our prayers. See you next month!

Rev. Lou

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Forty Years Ago this Month...

In January 1966, the property at 714 East Line Street was sold to the minister, and he was allowed \$150 a month in lieu of being furnished a residence by the Kirksville church. The Session had found the problems of owning a manse to be innumerable.

First Presbyterian's services were broadcast on KIRX during the months of January and February.

Thirty Years Ago this Month...

A Pulpit Nominating Committee consisting of nine church members was appointed in December and began work in January.

Lectionary Readings

January 1

Isaiah 61:10–62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4–7
Luke 2:22–40

January 6

Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1–6
Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14
Ephesians 3:1–12
Matthew 2:1–12

January 8

Baptism of the Lord
Genesis 1:1–5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1–7
Mark 1:4–11

January 15

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)
Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18
1 Corinthians 6:12–20
John 1:43–51

January 22

Jonah 3:1–5, 10
Psalm 62:5–12
1 Corinthians 7:29–31
Mark 1:14–20

January 29

Deuteronomy 18:15–20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1–13
Mark 1:21–28

Pastoral Office Hours

Pastor Lou is traveling to Kirksville on one day of the week other than Sunday. 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.



QUICK FAITH- BUILDERS

Each week, ask your children to remember what scripture was read in worship. They can report one or all the scripture readings. Preferably, they will memorize the reference rather than reading it to you out of the bulletin. However, that is acceptable, also. Perhaps some good discussions will develop from this activity.

[Quick Faith-Builders are found in *Children's Ministry Magazine*, Jan/Feb 2005 issue, pages 78-81]

Kids to Manor Care

The children in *Operation J.O.Y.* made their way to Kirksville Manor Care on December 7. As usual, each small group visited their special residents. Each child had made a pinecone ornament as a gift for his or her senior citizen friend. Many carols were sung, and we all discussed Christmas plans. It was a good visit, and the children will visit again on January 25.

PG-13 Pushes Limits

Today's PG-13 ratings are the equivalent of yesterday's R ratings, according to a recent Harvard Study report. The Harvard Study surveyed movies from 1992 to 2003 and documented a "ratings creep" that has permitted an increase of objectionable content.

[From *Children's Ministry magazine*, November/December 2005, page 19]

Norma Gill Green in Mission to Guatemala

We have received a request for prayers and donations to support a medical mission trip to Guatemala being undertaken by Norma Gill Green and other members of the Christian Medical Association (CMA). Many of you will remember Norma, who was in the choir, bell choir, and campus ministry group during her Truman years—part of a family tradition that includes her husband Nate, her older sister Coralie, her younger siblings Jon and Erin (current freshmen), and her grandfather, the Rev. Lawrence Gill, who was pastor of our church in the 1950's-60's. Norma is currently in medical school in Columbia.

The CMA is a group of Christian medical students seeking to integrate faith into their practice of medicine. Their mission trip will take medical

care and supplies, health education, and children's ministry to an area devastated by recent hurricanes and mudslides. Norma says in her letter, "It is essential that this trip be covered in prayer, as we will be ministering to a culture that still adheres to ancient Mayan religions and need to know the saving love of Jesus Christ." Of course, they also need funding in order to get there, purchase supplies, etc.

The Session asks everyone to pray for Norma and her fellow CMA members as they undertake this mission. Those who wish to give monetary support may do so through checks made out to First Presbyterian Church, with "CMA Mission Trip" on the memo line. These can be placed in the offering plate or placed in the church office.



Did you know that the Truman Special Collections (Pickler Library) has a collection of material related to Kirksville Presbyterian churches? Check out the listing at the following address:

http://library.truman.edu/manuscripts/P3-Kirksville_Presby.htm



Congratulations! January Birthdays...



Charles Adams
Hannah Huston
Jean Borron
Geoff DeWitt
Delmar Van Galen
Shelby Hunter
Cheryl Cleeton
Melanie Collier
Stephanie Keith
Zak DeWitt

Juanita Jacobs
Pat Lymer
John Steinmann

... and Anniversaries

Pat & Jim Lymer



Notes From the Archives

One Hundred Ten Years Ago...

A short history of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, by W. D. Dobson, was published in 1896.

The Reverend Mason W. Pressly came to Kirksville in January 1896, becoming the regular minister in April. Pressly came to Kirksville to obtain osteopathic treatments for his wife—these treatments were performed by A. T. Still, himself. Impressed by the effects of the treatments, Pressly would leave the pulpit in 1897 in order to start the Northern School of Osteopathy.

One Hundred Years Ago...

At the communion service of January 14, 1906, the church introduced the use of individual communion cups, replacing a single common cup.

Seventy Years Ago...

The Sunday evening service was abandoned in 1936; the Session agreed with incoming Reverend Covert that it would be better for him to devote his energies to building up a strong youth organization rather than devoting himself to the seemingly hopeless task of inducing people to come to a Sunday evening service.

Fifty Years Ago...

In 1956, reorganization created the Kirk Presbytery, with Kirksville as one of the westernmost churches and Hannibal at the eastern extreme.

The Board of Deacons was also set up this year, with the tasks of ushering, taking the collection, greeting, and calling on non-attendants. In 1960, the Deacons and Deaconesses (created in 1934) were united.

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News from Session

- + Because of the commitment of the members of this congregation, the session was able to ask the Nominating Committee to nominate the members of a *Pastor Nominating Committee*. This is a committee that takes prayer, dedication, time and talent. It is often referred to as the PNC for your later reference. This action is the first step in starting to find a permanent pastor for our congregation.
- + The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15, immediately after worship. The Reverend Bruce Berry, Presbyter, will moderate the meeting since Reverend and Mrs. Lou will be on vacation. This is when we will vote for the members of the PNC committee.

News from the Deacons

- + The Deacons were very thankful for the wonderful dramatic presentation put on for the White Gift Service.
- + Deacons have heard some questions concerning the name of the White Gift service—is it a “white elephant” gift exchange, *etc.* This uncertainty is exacerbated by the fact that we no longer wrap the gifts in white paper. Although the consensus was that the name is an important tradition of our church, we will try harder in the future to include an explanation when we use the name.
- + A special offering will be taken on Christmas Eve to benefit the Emergency Relief Ministries.
- + So far, Deacons have heard about only one person interested in receiving rides to church.

Financial Report through November 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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