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PARSON'S PERSPECTIVE

When Jesus fed the 5,000, the disciples asked, "Jesus can't we just send them away to find food?" We, at times, think that what we have to offer is not enough. We assume that what we have in our hands is actually all there is and there are too many in need. The disciples could not imagine that they could feed five thousand! Jesus' simple action of feeding a crowd with what was at hand counteracted the disciples feeling of helplessness.

God's abundance is right here, right now, and we think we don't have enough! When we see the tremendous need here in our community and around the world we must not forget that our resources include God! When we multiply all the gifts of all those who belong to Christ's body, an vast force is generated, as we band together in the unity of Christ.

As we minister to those in need a strange thing happens. Not only are their needs met, but we are fed as well. As we show the compassion that Jesus showed, we will be enriched by the experience. Each of us is challenged differently when we see someone in need. At times a hug is sufficient. Then there will be times when we must make a sacrifice to allow Jesus' compassion to show through us.

Our Savior is calling on us to be willing to serve others as an extension of his love. When we make ourselves available to be his hands and feet here in our community, we can be a blessing. We can point others to Christ and by our actions we will show the compassion of Jesus our Lord!

Pastor Bob

This Month

Sunday, February 3 - 9:30 a.m.

Adult Class "Pilgrimage Into the Last Third of Life" (Redeeming Loss and Suffering) led by Otto and Elaine Zingg

Monday, February 4 - 6:00 p.m.

Annual Pot-Luck Supper-Please bring a covered Dish to share and your own table service. Beverages will be provided. 7:00 p.m. Annual Congregational and Corporation Meetings

Tuesday, February 5 - 7:00 p.m.

"Becoming a Blessed Church" Study

Wednesday, February 6 - 1:30 p.m.

*Esther Circle will meet at the home of Betsy Hall, 428 Ramble Road-Leader: Elaine Zingg
Martha Mary Circle will meet at the home of Evelyn Baker, 613 E. Seventh St.-Leader: Jean Frank*

Tuesday, February 12 - 5:30 p.m.

*Shrove Pancake Dinner (watch for more details)
A small article is included in this newsletter.
7:00 p.m. "Becoming a Blessed Church" Study*

Continued...

THIS MONTH continued...

Wednesday, February 13 - 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service First Presbyterian Church

Thursday, February 14 - 1:30 p.m.

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 17 - First Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. A new 6 week Class begins "What Wondrous Love: Holy Week in Word and Art".

Audrey Tysen with various people will lead the Class

10:45 a.m. Communion (Deacons' Offering)

Monday, February 18 - Presidents' Day

Church Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 19 - 3:30 p.m.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting at the Broad Street Church

Thursday, February 21 - 10:30 a.m.

Communion at Bristol Health Care

Saturday, February 23

Presbytery Winter Gathering at the Ramseyer Church in Columbus (See article in this newsletter) See Irene Noble for time

Sunday, February 24 - 9:30 a.m.

Adult Class "What Wondrous Love: Holy Week in Word and Art" Audrey Tysen and Team

Monday, February 25 - Time TBA

Picture Directory pictures to be taken-Watch for More details in the bulletin.

Tuesday, February 26 - Time TBA

Wednesday, February 27 - 1:30 p.m.

P.W.C.T. Meeting at the Glenn Center

Reservations by February 14 see Irene Noble

.February Birthdays

February 1 - Richard Hays

Jane Williams

5 - Barbara Patterson

8 - Amy Schutte

15 - Walter Vonderohe

David Boyer

18 - Hal Demus

20 - Elmer Smith

23 - Shirley Mellinger

February Wedding Anniversaries

February 11 - Jean and Tom Frank

Winter Weather Advisory-

It is always hard to tell what winter weather will do. People wonder, "Is there church?" Unless the safety authorities order an advanced level of snow emergency (which shuts down all but essential activities), we probably will have church.

People need to consider their own safety.

Is it too cold for me to be out?

Am I too uncertain about my walking or driving?

Am I putting my own safety and the safety of others at risk by going out?

If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, you probably should stay home. We'll miss you, but we will be relieved to know that you are safe and well, and will be ready to attend another service soon.

And remember, audio cassettes of weekly services and printed copies of sermons are part of the work of the Fellowship Ministry. Just call the church office, 947-2905 to receive either or both for a specific service, or for every week.

Sermons also appear on the church website

firstpresbyterianwaverly.com within a few days of their presentation. Sermons can also be emailed to you. Just email bpattersonpresbychurch@yahoo.com and ask for a specific sermon or arrange for weekly delivery.

CALLING ALL CHRISTIANS!!!

The Call to Discipleship is for us all—not just for a select few☺ we need your help with Sunday School. Our 'budget crunch" has caused us to rethink the way we have done things this past year.

The Discipleship program for next year will involve the same themes that we have experienced this year from the book Session has studied--Standish's *Becoming a Blessed Church*.

These themes encompass God's Purpose, Presence and Power. Purpose speaks to finding our call as the people of God as defined in scripture. God's Presence includes experiencing Christ among us with a transformational spiritual growth. God's Power is revealed through the Holy Spirit.

So, here's my request . . . If you have any materials, resources or suggestions that will help us meet these study goals, please contact Karen Henderson.

LENTEN DISCIPLESHIP

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**
Beginning February 17th, Audrey Tysen and "team" will present an interestingly different Lenten study. It is entitled "What Wondrous Love: Holy Week in Word and Art." Various people will lead us in focusing on a familiar Scripture passage using video commentaries coupled with masterpiece illustrations.
- **SMALL GROUP STUDY:**
Walter Vonderohe will lead us in a Bible study by Adam Hamilton called "Final Words From the Cross." Classes meet every Tuesday night from February 19th through the first Tuesday after Easter, April 1st.
- **EASTER SUNDAY:**
There will be NO Sunday School class because of Sunrise Service and breakfast at church.

Visitors

Dec. 30, 2012

Dean Baker, Orient, OH,
Ryan Baker, Fort Bragg, NC,
Terrance Baker, Allen Park, MI, son and
grandsons of Gary and Evelyn
Baker

Gail Yount, daughter of Bud Hobday,
Charles Cole, Bristol Village

Kevin, Chaco, Meg and Len Tysen,
son and family of Calvin and
Audrey Tysen

Ruth Karner, Bristol Village

January 13, 2013

Paul Oyer, Waverly, Husband of
Ann Oyer

Beth Seif, Waverly, daughter of Ann and
Paul Oyer

Bob Penrose, Bristol Village
Graceanna Yetter, Bristol Village
Ruth Karner, Bristol Village

January 20, 2013

Bob Penrose, Bristol Village
Graceanna Yetter, Bristol Village
Ruth Karner, Bristol Village

Friendship Sheets Prayer Requests

On the friendship sheets that we hope everyone will sign each Sunday there is a place that you may check for a prayer request. If you do check that you may write your request on the other side of that paper or on a separate sheet and place it in the offering plate. If you check the prayer request someone will contact you. . You can also ask that it be put on the prayer chain which goes out to others in the congregation via e-mail. Anyone wishing to be on the prayer chain may call Barbara Patterson at the church office.

Common English Bible

As our pastors use this new translation in the worship services on Sundays have you considered how it speaks to you? As we noted last month in this publication they will use it through Easter and a choice will be made between this and the New Revised Standard Version as the primary source in the service and in purchasing new Bibles to place in the sanctuary. For a greater explanation please see last month's Courier. Let us know what you think about this new translation.

Membership

What does it mean to be a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Waverly? Being a member means that you have publicly declared that you are a follower of Jesus Christ and want to serve him through this congregation. Being a member means you will support this church with your time and talents as we discern the will of God for us.

If you are interested in uniting with this church or have questions about that please let one of the pastors know of your interest.

The Pike County Drug Abuse Prevention /ReEntry Coalition Monday, February 11, 4-5 PM

The group will hear from Josh Sherwood, Pike County Health Department. He will have Statistics from Pike County.

The public is invited to meet with the Coalition at the Pike County General Health District, 14050 U.S. Route 23, Waverly Ohio.

Pastor Getty represents our congregation on this Coalition.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ACTIVITIES

BUDGET CONCERNS:

Our monthly offerings are falling short of what is needed to meet our mission pledge to the Presbytery.

In June a payment of \$750. will be due. There is \$113. on hand.

That means about \$132. is needed per month with each circle giving approximately \$66. THIS IS MONEY FOR MISSION.

Our hope is that circle members will discuss this and pray about the need and consider their own giving.

FEBRUARY 6th CIRCLE MEETINGS 1:30 pm

Esther----- at Betsy Hall's 428 Ramble
Leader: Elaine Zingg

Martha Mary----- at Evelyn Baker's 613 7th
Leader: Jean Frank

PRESBYTERY WINTER GATHERING-- Sat. February 23

It will be held at the Ramseyer Church in Columbus, a congregation made up of many African immigrants. The subject of the day will be immigration.

Everyone, men and women, are welcome to attend. The cost is \$9.00 which includes lunch. We will have a mini-van going to take 6 passengers. Please let Irene Noble know if you'd like a ride. (Her daughter will be driving.)

Reservations must be made by Feb. 14.

Irene Noble and the PW Coordinating Team

THE UNREACHED OF NORTH AMERICA

Last summer an angry man in Morton Grove, IL, took out a rifle and began shooting at the front door of the local mosque. Fortunately, no one was killed, but the members of the mosque were traumatized. There was no apparent motive for the shooting other than hatred of Muslims and the mosque's being in the shooter's neighborhood. For the past two years, Dan McNerney had been helping the nearby Winnetka Presbyterian Church develop an organized relationship with this very mosque. The pastor and parishioners of the Winnetka Presbyterian Church rushed to the side of the mosque members immediately after the shooting, offering the love and comfort of Jesus.

Most Muslims who have come to our country are filled with misunderstanding and stereotypes of Christians, but they welcome sincere Christians who reach out in a spirit of peace and friendship. Dan has helped to foster many mosque-to-church friendships. Muslims and Christians can be open and honest with each other about their faith, and American Muslims can gain access to the Gospel.

Praise God for the work in the Chicago area, as well. Five years ago Justin Kron (of Chosen People's Ministry) and Dan began a gathering place for Jewish-background believers called the "Keshet Forum." It provides much-needed fellowship, and also offers education and training for Jews and Gentile believers, teaching them to share the Good News with Jewish friends and neighbors. Last September over 400 people viewed the movie "Israel Seen Through the Eyes of Surfers" and many practicing Jews heard Jesus' message of hope and peace for the first time.

[Excerpts from article by Dan McNerney, Associate Director of Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship (PFF), in "The Frontier and You" Dec. 2012. [Website: www.pff.net](http://www.pff.net)]

"Souper Sunday"

Today, February 3rd, the San Francisco 49ers and the Baltimore Ravens will meet in Super Bowl XLVII at New Orleans. Over the years, this Super Bowl Football Championship has become one of the most watched and expensive TV spectacles of the year, and the 47th edition will be no less so.

It was just 22 years ago that a young seminary intern in a Presbyterian Church came up with the novel idea of collecting non-perishable food items for the poor on Super Bowl Sunday. It was an idea that caught fire within the church, and from that small beginning literally exploded into one of the most widely supported efforts, within the national church, for food assistance to the poor "Souper Sunday". We need to remember that when Jesus talked about the poor, he was not talking about social "unfortunates"-a kind of "normalcy" within any society. Like the prophets before him, Jesus saw poverty as a failure of society, and the poor as a special concern of God. It is not by chance that Judaism and Christianity, historically, have had a special concern for the poor. "Souper Sunday" is just one expression-although a very popular and visible one in our nation-of this concern.

So today, by participating in "Souper Sunday" we will focus on the origins, and the purpose of the event. Remember, that it is not the number of "voters" for a particular team who will determine the winner, it will be the total number of cans of food donated. The real winners on this day will be the poor and hungry within our particular community. The cans of food donated today will be give to Pike County Outreach Council.

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

JANUARY 31, 2013

Ministers for Community: Every Member

Co-Pastors: Richard Hays and Robert Getty

Secretary Barbara Patterson

Clerk of Session: Audrey Tysen

Choir Director: Pat Penrose

Organist: Patricia Schiemann

Treasurer: Ralph Strickland

Ministers for Vision and Mission: Session

Class of 2012

Allen Heinmiller

Tom Patterson

Anne Young

Class of 2013

Evelyn Baker

Oscar Marsh

Ralph Strickland

Elaine Zingg

Class of 2014

Karen Henderson

Audrey Tysen

Kay Weir

Ministers for Member Care: Deacons

Irene Noble

Robert Neely

Gerald Barnes

Ministers Serving In Other Places

Pike County Outreach Council of Churches

Pike County Welfare House

Mark, Jenny, Keila Rosa & Anika Estela Hare — Papay, Haiti

Dendamrongsaat Church — Chiangrai, Thailand

Ministers Serving from Home:

Adena Regional Medical Center

272 Hospital Road, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Patricia Dixon, 2N-15

At Bristol Health Care

444 Cherry St., Waverly OH 45690

Agnes Nash, 311

Maryanna Cassady, 101

Dorothy Headley, 5A

Ben Lane, 118

Betty Benefiel, 302

Anna Dodge, 111

Ed Dodge, 103

At Home

Dorothy Rucker, 18

Jay Yetter, 1

Zerelda Young, 22

Virginia Hartwell, 21B

Shirley Pryor, 307

February Worship Assistants:

February 3 - William Johnson

10 - Robert Getty

17 - Patty Todt

24 - Earl Todt

February Greeters:

February 3 - Jackie and Gerald Barnes

10 - Betty and Ivan Sumej

17 - Wanda and Lew Stratton

24 - Barbara and Jay Early

February Ushers:

February 3 - Bob Neely, David Bell,

Barratt Banta, Joseph Hodder

10 - Kitty Neely, Jackie Barnes,

Wanda Stratton, Ann Oyer

17 - Earl Todt, Barbara Early,

Jay Early, Bud Hobday

24 - Ralph Strickland, Tom Frank,

Dimitry Sergay, Gerald Barnes

February Flowers:

February 3— Jeanne Barron

10 - Jean and Tom Frank

17 -

24 -

February Coffee Hour Hosts:

February 3 - Wanda and Lew Stratton

10 - Elaine and Otto Zingg

17 - Communion -No Coffee Hour

24 -

In the Waverly Area

In Other Places

Kitty McCollam, Betty Rodway, Max Russell, Verna Taylor

In Military Service

Sarah Kolb, Kacie Lee, Aaron McCord



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Prayer in Practice

Prayer determines how we prioritize God, people and things in our lives. If we pray deeply and passionately, God is a higher priority than money, careers, or relationships with others. We put God above and ahead of material things. We talk about the love relationship with God in the triangle of intimacy commitment, and passion. That means we love our Redeemer with all our heart and mind and soul and strength. So, in our lifestyle of prayer, we are fervent, faithful and focused because of that love. The intimate communication of prayer with the Lord gives us a feeling that God understands. It lets us know that God is surrounding us with His presence, giving us comfort and peace.

Prayer unites us with our Redeemer. Through prayer we know God's heart and His will, and we align ourselves with Him. We seek God because we love Him and want to be in communion with Him. So, increasingly, we want His presence in our daily lives. We pray unceasingly, turning our lives over to Him and putting Him in charge of all the problems, as well as rejoicing in all the gifts He gives. And when we pray, we know He hears and responds to us as His children. In that growing relationship of love we long for God as more than our friend. He is our Creator and Redeemer, and we find peace in Him.

James P. Gills, M.D., (2003) *The Prayerful Spirit: Passion for God, Compassion for People*, pages 29, 41, Creation House.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

February 2013



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Adult Class
9:30 a.m.

Worship
10:45 a.m.

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Annual Pot-
Luck Supper
6 p.m.
Cong./Corp.
Mtg
7 p.m.

5

Becoming a
Blessed
Church Study
7 p.m.

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Sleeve-
Tuggers
8 a.m.
Circle Mtgs.
1:30 p.m.
Choir 7 p.m.

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10

Adult Class
9:30 a.m.

Worship
10:45 a.m.

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12

Shrove
Pancake
Dinner 5:30
Becoming a
Blessed
Church Study
7 p.m.

13

Sleeve-
Tuggers 8
a.m.
Ash Wed.
Service 7 pm
Choir
Following

14

Stewardship
Mtg. 1:30
p.m.



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17

Adult Class
9:30 a.m.
Worship
10:45 a.m.
Communion
Deacons' Off.

18



Church Office
Closed
Presidents'
Day

Session Mtg.
7 p.m.

19

Presbytery
Mtg.
3:30 p.m.
Broad St.
Church

20

Sleeve-
Tuggers
8 a.m.

Choir 7 p.m.

21

Communion
10:30 a.m.
Bristol Health
Care



22

23

Presbytery
Winter
Gathering
Time TBA

24

Adult Class
9:30 a.m.

Worship
10:45 a.m.

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Picture
Director
Watch for
Details

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Picture
Directory

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Sleeve-
Tuggers
8 a.m.
P.W. C.T.
Mtg. 1:30
p.m.
Choir 7 p.m.

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