

February 2012

The Chimes



C O M M U N I T Y P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H



REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR DENNIS

Ten years ago during the month of February, actually on Sunday, Feb. 24th, 2002, Community Presbyterian Church held a congregational meeting to call me as pastor of the church. So, February 24th marks the date that I preached my first sermon at Community Presbyterian Church. I give thanks for the vote that day and the congregation calling me as its next pastor and I give thanks for the ten years of Christ's service here at Community Presbyterian and in the Forsyth area. April 16th actually marks the beginning date of my ministry with the church.

There will be a time for looking back over the ten years, but today what I want to do is look forward.

On Friday evening and Saturday morning, January 13th and 14th, the session met to make plans for this year and set some goals for the session and congregation.

The primary goal the session set for itself and the congregation is that "Community Presbyterian Church become more recognizable as a church that helps to improve quality of life in the community". What I like about this goal is that it recognizes the things we are already doing that impact the community and sets the goal that we continue to find new ways to help improve the quality of life of individuals and the community as a whole. Everything we do in and through the church can fit within this goal and it gives us something to shoot for in all our different activities.

Here are some of the things we're doing to help improve quality of life through the church: mentoring program (helps the child and the mentor), relational ministries program (helps individuals and families with their finances), Diabetic Focus Group (good fellowship and the sharing of information with one another), small groups (fellowship and deepening of our spiritual life and our walk with God).

Your elders will be keeping this primary goal before us and seeking ways to help improve the quality of life within and outside the church. Something coming up in February is the mission project to give gifts to homebound seniors in our community, who do not have family in the area. This will be a real blessing to those who receive the visit and the gift, and the youth and adults that participate in making up and delivering the gifts.

If you have an idea as to how God is calling us to help improve the quality of life of church members, people in Forsyth, and in the larger community, please share your ideas with your elders. We'll take a look at it and see how we might implement your idea. The elders hope to involve all members and friends of the church in fulfilling this goal of 2012.

The second goal we set for ourselves is to "develop plans for caring for the church, our members and assets for the long term". Our hope is to develop five years plans in the areas of mission, building and grounds, program, worship, and finances. As we develop these five year plans we'll be consulting with all of you, the members and friends of Community Presbyterian Church. This will be an exciting process that impacts all areas of the churches life.

As we develop these five year plans, we'll be wanting your input into the long range plans for Community Presbyterian Church.

Blessings,
Dennis

Session Digest
January 13th & 14th, 2012 planning meeting

***"Come share God's inspiring love, Through the nurturing of this caring community,
As we enrich living traditions with the good news of Christ."***

Friday evening the elders met. After Pastor Dennis opened the meeting with prayer, the elders elected their officers for 2012. Leslie Wyman, was elected as Clerk of the session, with Gretchen Keith serving as Clerk Pro Tem. Clayton Cooper was elected as Treasurer. The elders then voted to approve Clayton, Leslie and Gretchen to be the signers on the church's main accounts, and then along with Pastor Dennis having permission to sign checks on the benevolence account. Gretchen Keith was elected to be our presbytery commissioner with Cindy Werner as the alternate.

Pastor Dennis then lead the elders in looking at 1st Corinthians 12:13-13:1 and how it relates to each of us being part of the team which makes up the body of Christ. They then looked at the difference in seeing oneself as a part of a team vs. seeing oneself as a part of a group. In a group each person has individual goals of things they hope to get from the group. When one is a part of a team there are joint goals that everyone works on. These discussions lead to the elders setting the two goals mentioned in the pastor's corner in this newsletter.

On Saturday the elders met and set up the committee structure for 2012. It's included as a separate article on page 7 in this newsletter.

The importance of doing long range (5 year planning) was discussed. This is goal #2 for 2012. The elders will find ways to involve members and friends of the congregation as we work on the long range plans for many aspects of the church's life.

Under committee business, the Building and Grounds committee reported on the progress being made in replacing of windows behind the sanctuary area of the church and got permission to replace three windows in the lower area of the church. This still will leave other windows to be addressed at a later date.

Dates for the serving of Holy Communion were set; 1st Sunday of the month except for April, along with the special services for Maundy Thursday, April 5th; Easter Sunday, April 8th; and Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th.

The Mission Committee reported on its plans to have youth and adults participate in caring for homebound seniors in and around Forsyth who have no family calling on them. The dinner on the 12th of February is a fund raiser for this mission project.

The Evangelism Committee reported on the small group gathering at Bill and Nancy Brush's house. Participants will be studying "Unbinding the Gospel." This will make the 4th small group that has looked at this book.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 11:45 am lead by Pastor Dennis
NEXT REGULAR MEETING - 3rd Thursday, February 16th at 6:30 pm.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place immediately following the luncheon

Diabetes Focus Group

The Forsyth Diabetes Focus Group will be meeting on Monday, February 6th, at 10:00 A.M.

The public is invited so bring a friend!

Community Presbyterian Church
Income and Expense Statement (UNAUDITED)
 Consolidated - January 2012

	Current Period	Current Budget
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INCOME		
BUDGETED	\$10,411.50	\$10,250.00
NON-BUDGETED	230.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	10,641.50	10,250.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	10,411.50	10,250.00
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	230.00	
 EXPENSES		
PASTOR	\$3,350.85	\$5,843.34
STAFF SERVICES	195.12	2,087.50
CARE OF PROPERTY	760.22	1,520.84
MISSIONS	926.21	999.99
OTHER	426.52	420.84
NON-BUDGETED	4,484.94	25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,143.86	10,897.51
<i>Budgeted</i>	5,375.93	10,897.51
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	4,767.93	



Benevolence Fund Report:

During January we helped 7 families: 4 with utilities and 3 with transportation. We also received 2 donations to the fund.

Here's a note we received from someone we helped last month: "Thank you for helping me with a gas fillup. It lasted me 9 days. I pray many blessings come upon you and your church for your kindness when you help a total stranger. God bless."

If you would like to make a donation to the Benevolent Fund, please do so by marking your check "special gift - benevolent fund". Those who receive our assistance greatly appreciate your gifts!



The Crusaders, Community Presbyterian Church Youth, are working on a new project for the seniors in our community.

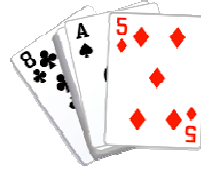
We are preparing a **"Ham & Bean Dinner"** to raise funds to fill gift boxes for 25 senior citizen shut-ins who have no family or outside support in the Forsyth community. We want to help out with paper goods and foods not readily available to them. We are working on our project during the Sunday School class time at 9:00 to 10:00 in our downstairs room. We want all of the young people in the church to join in to make this a wonderful project.

Please join us on Sunday morning!

(Please see page 8 for more information on the dinner)

Window Replacement/Repairs

Work is progressing on replacing windows behind the Sanctuary and in the downstairs area. The new windows are very energy efficient and should help us cut our electrical/propane bills. Cost for replacing each window is around \$500 this includes the new window and labor to get it installed. If you'd like to give a donation to help with these costs, just mark your donation as going towards replacement windows.



**Upcoming event
in March**

March 10th

Golf Card Game night at
Ozark Presbyterian Church

5:30 p.m. chili supper,
followed by the Golf Card Game

All who are interested please let Pastor Dennis know and we can get together for some practice rounds.



The Presbyterian Women met on Wednesday the 18th, our guest speaker was Erwin Ewers from Access Home Health Care. She spoke about the services available to senior citizens and homebound. The range of services is amazing and funded by Medicare. We appreciate the ladies who came and the men, who were brave enough to attend. Esther Circle provided refreshments, a short business meeting was held and we were reminded about the Presbyterian Women of John Calvin Presbytery meeting at our church in September.

Vice Moderator
Pat Seals

Pledge envelopes?

If you would like to use pre-addressed pledge envelopes, they can be made up at any time. Let the office know how many you would like and they will be ready for you to pick up the following Sunday.

Echos from the Choir Loft

The choir was very busy in December and January. Four of your choir members had a wonderful time when they participated in the Community Christmas Cantata. Anna even sang a solo. Several choir members entertained at the Christmas Dinner on December 15. It was impromptu but fun. We worked up an old favorite *Emmanuel* for the Sunday before Christmas. On December 21, the choir went caroling to John and Bertha's house before our Christmas party. We want to thank Leslie for opening the White River Valley Historical Society for the party. We enjoyed pot-luck refreshments, a white elephant gift exchange and watched videos of previous choir experiences. Arliss sang *Mary Did You Know* for our Christmas Eve candle light service. Linda and Arliss sang *10,000 Joys* for the New Year's Day service. We like to sing a variety of musical styles. The choir gave a tribute to Vestal Goodman when we sang her theme song *What a Lovely Name* in early January. We are working on music for Easter now. Remember, the choir is a lot of fun and we welcome anyone who wants to come join us in "making a joyful noise".

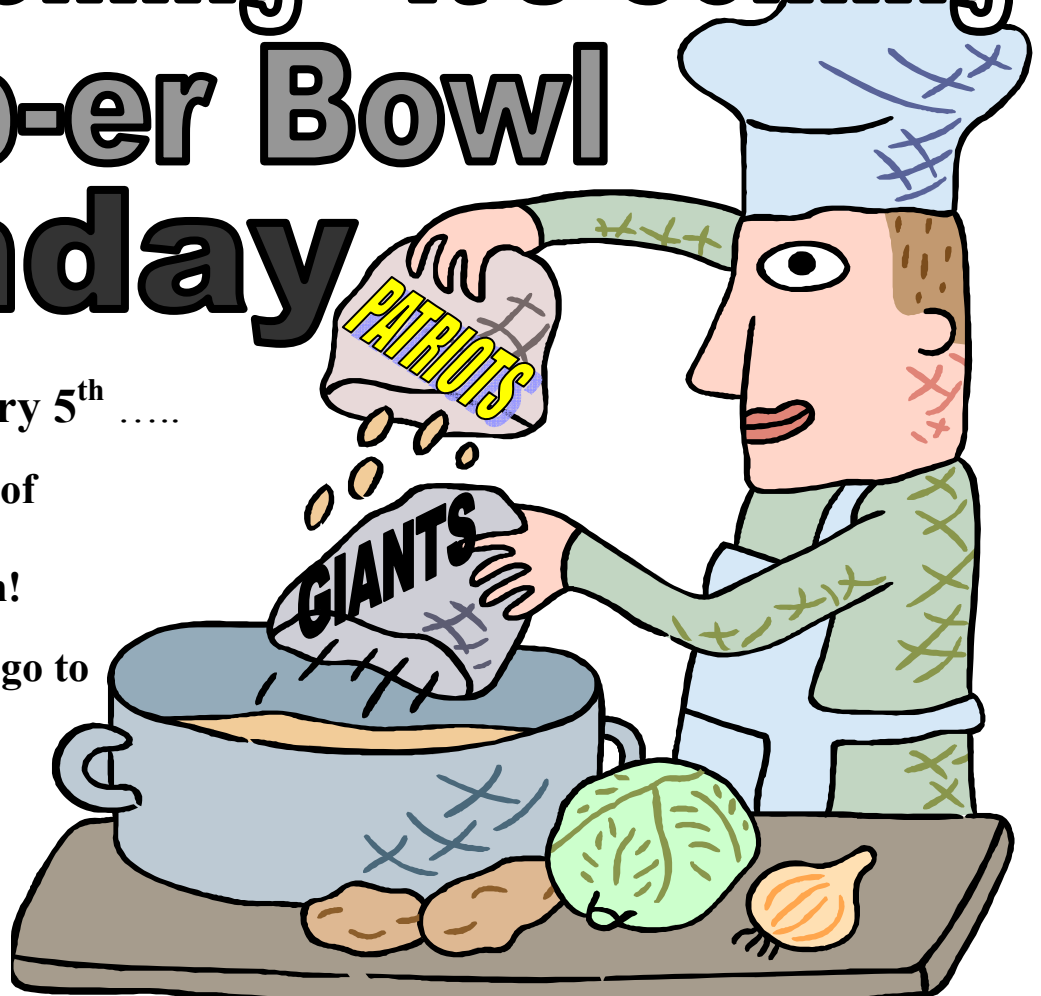


It's Coming - It's Coming Soup-er Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 5th

**Bring your can(s) of
soup and support
your favorite team!**

**All donations will go to
CAM-Forsyth**



News from John Calvin Presbytery

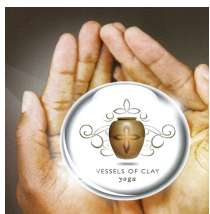
Dear Friends,

Communication – it is the one thing that can make or break an organization. If you will ask any successful organization what makes them so successful, one thing they will tell you is that they communicate well. This is also true of successful relationships. Communication is a very important key for success. That is one reason I write these columns and the columns in the JCP Notices. I want you to know what is going on in our presbytery and how you can be a part of a denomination that is connectional. I also am asking you to be a part of the communication. In order to be successful, communication has to flow both directions. I want to know how you think that the Presbytery Office can improve communications with individuals and churches in JCP. I would welcome and email at pastoralpresbyter@gmail.com, a phone call at 620-674-1844 or the office on Tuesday through Thursday mornings as 417-883-8033, or a face to face meeting. Come to the office and we can talk. I want JCP to be a tremendously successful presbytery and in order for that to happen, we have to talk. Thanks for your cooperation in advance.

The second thing I want to do is to help you be aware that some exciting things will be going on in February. On Sunday, the 12th, Rev. Greg Ellis will be installed as the full-time Associate Pastor of First and Calvary Presbyterian Church. This event will be at 3:00 p.m. so people around the presbytery will be able to attend. Come and celebrate with First and Calvary. I will be in two churches in February talking about the presbytery and listening to the people in the pews. I will be in Branson on the 15th and Pittsburg on the 29th. I look forward to being with the people and hearing their stories. Then on February 25th, we will be having a presbytery meeting at Bethany Church in Joplin, MO. This is going to be an exciting meeting as it will be our first meeting that we live stream to the internet. Our Synod Executive will be bringing greetings to us via Skype from Minneapolis, as well.

February promises to be a fun and busy month in JCP. I urge you to participate in as many events as you can so we can work on the relationships and communication that will make us strong in the future.

Susan Rosenbaum



Christ-centered Yoga Expo * Thursday, February 23rd
Community Presbyterian Church * 5:30 to around 7 pm

Main focus will be on Yoga for Limited Mobility, however modifications and demonstrations for more active flow yoga will be shown as well for those who may have an interest in that type of class.

A donation will be accepted for admission to the Expo; all proceeds to benefit CPC budget deficit!

Not required, but if you have them: *participants are encouraged to bring a yoga mat/ exercise mat/beach towel, a small hand towel, and a strap (necktie or belt will do if no exercise strap)..*

Questions? Call Robyn at (417) 231-1826 (owner/teacher Vessels of Clay Yoga)

SESSION COMMITTEE STRUCTURE ADOPTED FOR 2012

Mission

- Evangelism – Ed Hawkins, Leslie Wyman
- Mission – Reed Click, Gretchen Keith, Cindy Werner, Liz Rogers

Ministry

- Care of Members – Cindy Werner, Pat Knudtson
- Christian Education/Youth – Reed Click, Leslie Wyman
- Parish Activities – Gerri De Bres, Cindy Werner
- Worship – Gretchen Keith, Gerri DeBres

Maintenance

- Budget and Finance – Clayton Cooper (Treasurer), Jim Berry
- Building and Grounds – Ed Hawkins, Howard Gathman, Liz Rogers, Ralph Taylor
- Nominations – Gerri DeBres (Chair), Cindy Werner
- Personnel – Howard Gathman, Jim Berry, Pat Knudtson

Save
the
Date!

ETC invites you to dine with us on Saturday, March 17, 2012

Please mark your calendar and wear your green as we celebrate
St. Patrick's Day 2012.

**The meal for the evening will be Corned Beef & Cabbage or Meatloaf
or 1/2 Corned Beef & Cabbage and 1/2 Meatloaf**

Cost: \$10 per person or \$20 per couple

(Reservations will be accepted at the church office.)

ETC is accepting donations for a "live" auction to take place that evening.
New or newly new items will be accepted. Gift Certificates, show passes,
etc. (no pun intended) will make great auction items. Donations will be
accepted anytime at the church office.

ETC raises money for our Presbyterian children,
for camp, scholarships, etc.

If you would like to be involved in this once a year activity,
please contact Arliss and Linda Stillings at 546-4845.

We need you!





Gifts From The Heart

In hopes of making the winter months seem less cold and lonely for some of our senior citizens in and around the Forsyth area, our Youth and the Mission Committee of the church are sponsoring

BEAN & CORNBREAD DINNER

February 12, 2012

**Following worship service
Fellowship Hall**

**All food, plates & utensils
will be furnished.**

You just need to attend.

A free will offering will be collected at the dinner which will allow the Mission Committee & Youth to purchase needed supplies and food.

A few seniors who will benefit from our assistance are: an individual living alone with only \$100 a month after the rent is paid to purchase food and other basic living necessities. There is a case of a grandmother, mother and a niece who live together to try and make ends meet. Two elderly (80+) women who have very little income exist by sharing a home together. The list goes on and on.

Each case cited above are seniors who have little or no family support, live alone or who are trying to help each other with what little they do have.

With your kind and generous "monetary donation," food in bulk and basic paper supplies will be purchased by the church through the kindness of Kathryn Owen at **SAVE A LOT Grocery Store**. 25 boxes will be heart decorated by the youth, filled and delivered in February.

Please, come and join us in this Christian endeavor and enjoy some warm food and good Presbyterian fellowship knowing you will be helping others this winter that are less fortunate, **and that PRESBYTERIAN'S CARE!**



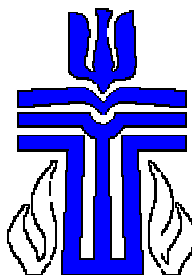
Seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Would you like to learn more about the symbolism in the PC (U.S.A.) seal?

In the next couple of newsletters, we'll take a closer look at the images contained within the seal and the meaning behind those images.

The seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a registered trademark. It was designed by Malcolm Gear and Associates. The seal was approved by the 197th General Assembly (1985).

The seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a symbolic statement of the church's heritage, identity, and mission in contemporary form. Its power depends on both its simplicity and complexity, as well as its traditional and enduring qualities.



The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames. The dominant structural and theological element in the design is the cross — the universal and most ecumenical symbol of the Christian church. The cross represents the incarnate love of God in Jesus Christ and his passion and resurrection. Because of its association with Presbyterian history, the Celtic cross was chosen as a model for this contemporary rendering of the ancient symbol.

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February 2012 Daily Lectionary

Wednesday February 1
Ps. 96
Gen. 22:1-18
Heb. 11:23-31
John 6:52-59

Thursday February 2
Ps. 116
Gen. 23:1-20
Heb. 11:32-12:2
John 6:60-71

Friday February 3
Ps. 84
Gen. 24:1-27
Heb. 12:3-11
John 7:1-13

Saturday February 4
Ps. 63
Gen. 24:28-38, 49-51
Heb. 12:12-29
John 7:14-36

Sunday February 5
5th Sunday after Epiphany
Ps. 103
Gen. 24:50-67
2 Tim. 2:14-21
Mark 10:13-22

Monday February 6
Ps. 5
Gen. 25:19-34
Heb. 13:1-16
John 7:37-52

Tuesday February 7
Ps. 42
Gen. 26:1-6, 12-33
Heb. 13:17-25
John 7:53-8:11

Wednesday February 8
Ps. 89:1-18
Gen. 27:1-29
Rom. 12:1-8
John 8:12-20

Thursday February 9
Ps. 97
Gen. 27:30-45
Rom. 12:9-21
John 8:21-32

Friday February 10
Ps. 51
Gen. 27:46-28:4, 10-22
Rom. 13:1-14
John 8:33-47

Saturday February 11
Ps. 104
Gen. 29:1-20
Rom. 14:1-23
John 8:47-59

Sunday February 12
6th Sunday after Epiphany
Ps. 19
Gen. 29:20-35
1 Tim. 3:14-4:10
Mark 10:23-31

Monday February 13
Ps. 135
Gen. 30:1-24
1 John 1:1-10
John 9:1-17

Tuesday February 14
Ps. 123
Gen. 31:1-24
1 John 2:1-11
John 9:18-41

Weds. February 15
Ps. 15
Gen. 31:25-50
1 John 2:12-17
John 10:1-18

Thursday February 16
Ps. 36
Gen. 32:3-21
1 John 2:18-29
John 10:19-30

Friday February 17
Ps. 130
Gen. 32:22-33:17
1 John 3:1-10
John 10:31-42

Saturday February 18
Ps. 56
Gen. 35:1-20
1 John 3:11-18
John 11:1-16

Sunday February 19
Transfiguration of the Lord
Ps. 103
Mal. 4:1-6
2 Cor. 3:7-18
Luke 9:18-27

Monday February 20
Ps. 5
Prov. 27:1-6, 10-12
Phil. 2:1-13
John 18:15-18, 25-27

Tuesday February 21
Ps. 42
Prov. 30:1-4, 24-33
Phil. 3:1-11
John 18:28-38

Weds. February 22
Ash Wednesday
Ps. 5
Amos 5:6-15
Heb. 12:1-14
Luke 18:9-14

Thursday February 23
Ps. 27
Hab. 3:1-10 (11-15)
16-18
Phil. 3:12-21
John 17:1-8

Friday February 24
Ps. 22
Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32
Phil. 4:1-9
John 17:9-19

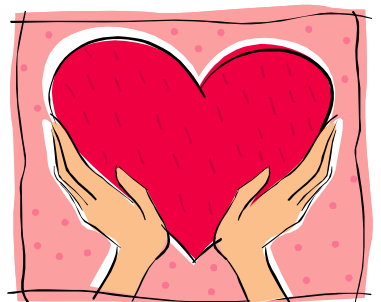
Saturday February 25
Ps. 43
Ezek. 39:21-29
Phil. 4:10-20
John 17:20-26

Sunday February 26
First Sunday in Lent
Ps. 84
Dan. 9:3-10
Heb. 2:10-18
John 12:44-50

Monday February 27
Ps. 119:73-80
Gen. 37:1-11
1 Cor. 1:1-19
Mark 1:1-13

Tuesday February 28
Ps. 34
Gen. 37:12-24
1 Cor. 1:20-31
Mark 1:14-28

Weds. February 29
Ps. 5
Gen. 37:25-36
1 Cor. 2:1-13
Mark 1:29-45





BIRTHDAYS!

- 2 Valentine Jones
- 3 Johnie Jones
- 6 Charles Worster
- 8 Frieda Staake
- 9 Becky Roberts
- 10 Nancy Brush
- 11 Max Merrell
- 13 Deidre McCormick
- 14 Carol Ballard
- 19 Cheryl Cleveringa
- 23 Celeste Reece
- 24 Bonnie Pinet
- 25 Lera Warren, Shannon Hart
- 27 Buddy Roberts



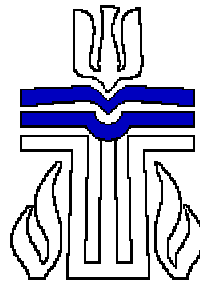
FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS!



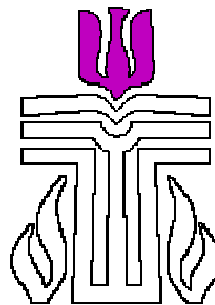
ANNIVERSARIES!

- 9 Don & Helen Clothworthy 1950
- 14 Bob & Gerri DeBres 1970
- 20 Howard & Judy Gathman 1954
- 23 Charles & Linda Worster 1968

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In experimenting with the basic lines and shapes of the cross, the contour of a book began to emerge in the horizontal section, and the two center lines of the cross became the representation of an open book. This integration of the horizontal dimensions of the cross with the book motif highlights the emphasis which the Reformed tradition has placed on the role of Scripture as a means of knowing God's word.



The slightly-flared shape of the Celtic cross also makes possible the transforming of the uppermost section into the shape of a descending dove. As a symbol of the Holy Spirit, the dove is intimately tied to the representation of the Bible, affirming the role of the Spirit in both inspiring and interpreting Scripture in the life of the church. The dove also symbolizes Christ's baptism by John and the peace and wholeness which his death and resurrection bring to a broken world.

Notes of Thanks!

From Pastor Dennis and the Staff:

Thank you so much for your generous year end gifts! It was much appreciated!

Dennis Denise Arliss

Linda Ralph Paul

From AA:

Dear Friends-

We are so grateful for the use of your facility for our meetings. Thank You! Thank You!

Sincerely,
Rita Fletcher
& Group

(To be continued next month)

Ushers/Greetings**Liturgist**



Georgia Roe
Cindy Werner
Bill & Nancy Brush

Judy Gathman



FEBRUARY

2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am		Prayer Group 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm	1 Wmn's Breakfast 8:15 am Men's Breakfast 8:30am Hannah Circle 1:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	2 Bar Assoc 11:30 am 	3	4 AA 7:00 pm
5 Soup-er Bowl Sunday	6 Diabetic Group 10:00 am	7 Prayer Group 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm	8 Wmn's Breakfast 8:15 am Men's Breakfast 8:30am Calico Cutups 10:00 am Chamber Lunch 11:30 am Choir 7:00 pm	9	10	11 AA 7:00 pm
12 Bean & Corn- bread Dinner 11:30 am Unbinding the Gospel Small Group 5:00 pm	13 Esther Circle Noon	14  Prayer Group 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm	15 Wmn's Breakfast 8:15 am Men's Breakfast 8:30am Choir 7:00 pm	16 Session Mtg 6:30 pm	17	18 AA 7:00 pm
19 Unbinding the Gospel Small Group 5:00 pm	20 <i>President's Day</i> <i>CHIMES Deadline</i>	21 Prayer Group 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Wmn's Breakfast 8:15 am Men's Breakfast 8:30am Ash Wednesday Service 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm	23 Christ-Centered Yoga Expo 5:30 -7:00 pm	24	25 AA 7:00 pm
26 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> Dinner with Friends-Little Hacienda 11:30 am Unbinding the Gospel Small Group 5:00 pm	27	28 Prayer Group 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm	29 Wmn's Breakfast 8:15 am Men's Breakfast 8:30am PW Sewing 9:30 am Choir 7:00 pm			

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

Community Presbyterian Church



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- Custodian.....Paul Weeks