

FPC SCROLL

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“to know Christ and make Him known.”

As I see it... (By Pastor Robert)

Looking back and looking forward... (2010 versus 2011)

2010 saw our church move forward joyfully with these ministries...

- ✓ Middle and high school age youth ministry (confirmation class, Massanetta youth conference, service projects, etc.).
- ✓ Young couples bringing their children to be baptized.
- ✓ Strong ministry with the men’s group.
- ✓ Small group ministry (Ex: First Place 4 Health and a new Sunday class for women).
- ✓ Community outreach efforts (Ex: opening our doors to a wide variety of community groups such as Upward basketball and girl & boy scouts).

2010 saw our church needing growth in these areas...

- ✓ Effectively addressing conflict in the life of the church.
- ✓ Organized ministry to our young families.
- ✓ Increasing our visibility in the community.

2011 brings new opportunities for...

- ✓ Examining our need for additional part-time staff in selected positions.
- ✓ Increasing our stewardship efforts.
- ✓ Exploring a desire for a contemporary worship service.
- ✓ Breaking from old ineffective patterns and exploring new ones.

We are a blessed church!
May God use us for His kingdom in the new year!

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

So you will know what our children are learning in Sunday School and so that parents will have an opportunity to follow up with their children, the theme/topic for January is listed below:

B.I.G. Theme: We Can Talk to God
B.I.G. Idea: We believe that God hears and answers our prayers.

Jan 2 – Hannah

Jan 9 – Solomon

Jan 16 – Peter in Prison

Jan 23 – Psalm 130

Jan 30 – The Lord's Prayer

Sunday School: a place where people and churches can be transformed

GOD'S KIDS



God's Kids

All Kids - K - 4th grade

Join us from 5-6:30pm on Sunday nights in room C3 for a Bible lesson, crafts, snacks, games and more. In January we'll meet:

January 9

January 16 - field trip (bowling)

January 30

Questions? Contact Raena at 226-4422, rwalstra@hotmail.com; or Diane at 871-1504, dcordle@wwilliams.com

PRESBY CLUB

All kids, grades 5-8, are invited to join us from 5-6:30pm on Sundays for Presby Club.

Here's what's happening in January:

01/01 Parents, pick up your kids from our Presby Club New Year's Overnight at 8:00am.

01/09 Games, lesson and treat. Plan for our snow tubing trip
01/16 Snow Tubing at Mad River Mountain in Bellfontaine, OH.

Meet at the church at noon. Return TBA. (Depending on the weather, may be postponed til 2/20)

For questions about Presby Club, please contact Joel Ellen or Mark Stewart at 871-7463 or joelellen@columbus.rr.com.



The Senior Highs say THANK YOU!

For your support of their Dinner and Auction. They raised about \$4,000. The money will be used to fund their 2011 mission trip and other projects.



**Bored?
Want something
fun to do?**

**Then come to
Game Night at 6:30pm
on Saturday, January 22nd.**

Game tables in the narthex... volleyball in the Fellowship Center... snacks... fun... laughter.... You won't want to miss game night! Come, get to know others in our congregation and strengthen already-made friendships. Please bring a snack to share and come join the fun! The Membership Committee will provide beverages, ice, cups, plates, and napkins. Oh, by the way, there is no age limit. And, feel free to bring a friend too.

**FEBRUARY
SCROLL
DEADLINE
Jan. 16th**

Items received after the deadline will not be included in the February *Scroll*. Items may be sent by email or dropped off at the church office. If you have questions, call Carolyn at 875-4322.

You're invited... to come help prepare the February *Scroll* for mailing on Friday, January 21st. We start at 9am and would love to have you join us. Call Carolyn at 875-4322 if you have questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All ladies of the church are invited to attend one of our Circle Meetings. Both Circles meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month September through June.

(Exceptions will be noted in bulletins and the *Scroll*.)

Faith Circle meets from 9:30 to 11:30am.

Peace Circle meets from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

All meetings are held at the church.

Please call the Circle Moderator of the Circle if you need transportation.

Questions for January 24, 2011:

1. Have you had an experience where singing gave you encouragement or vision? If yes, describe the experience and how it helped you.
2. What was your worst weather experience?
3. What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

January Hostesses: Faith – Laura Seals and Mary Ann McKee
Peace – Debra Niles

If you have questions or need more information about the PW or about one of the Circles, please contact one of the Moderators:

PW BOARD - JUNE 2010-2011

Meeting time is determined as needed.

Moderator	Debra Niles	539-9954	Moderator - Faith Circle	
Vice-Moderator	Helen Huntington	539-9853		Susan Renick 871-1824
Secretary	Pat Laderer	277-2343	Moderator - Peace Circle	
Treasurer	Gwen Miller	875-2477		Debbie Wilson 875-7325
Missions	Katharine Knight	740/852-0796		

FAITH Circle

Moderator	Susan Renick
Mission	Betty Lawless
Fellowship	Naomi Wilson
Sunshine	Laura Seals

PEACE Circle

Moderator	Debbie Wilson
Mission	Katharine Knight
Fellowship	Shirley Kleiber
Sunshine	Linda Smith

Quote of the month:

"Well, I may not know much about God, but I have to say, we built a pretty nice cage for him."

-- Homer Simpson after helping island natives build a chapel

February Follies



Admission "Fee":

One non-perishable item for the GC Food Pantry.

Optional:

Your favorite scripture verse written on a Valentine heart.



3rd Annual
 "FEBRUARY FOLLIES"
 and Pot Luck
 February 13, 2011
 6:00 ~ 9:00pm

The food will be blessed at 6:15pm.
 (please bring at least one of your favorite food dishes to share)

The Talent Show will begin at 7:15pm.
 We invite everyone to sign up to share your talent.
A talent sign-up sheet is on the Deacons' Bulletin Board in the hallway close to the Fellowship Center

SCOUT NEWS

As most of you have noticed, Calvin Selbe's Eagle Scout project is nearing completion, in spite of the weather. In addition to the main project of repairing the aged sidewalk, he will be adding new parking signs and painting the parking blocks. The opportunity was taken while the equipment was available to remedy a continuous water problem at the kitchen outside door by replacing the concrete slab at the outside door of the kitchen with one at a new grade. Later, Scout leaders Kirk Bohanan and Mark Stewart added a French drain in that area to drain the water away from the new door slab. Calvin's project provided the concrete, materials and equipment. This sidewalk project is just one of the benefits of having an active BSA troop at our church.

Another activity completed by the Cub Scout Pack and Troop was the addition of a Wi-Fi system for the Fellowship Center and basement areas of the Church. The sanctuary will eventually be added. This will benefit groups and church committees using the church and to better present information and programs to their members. For access to this system please see the House Committee for the usage code.

Now to the real Scout News!

Seventeen scouts hiked with their backpacks at the Zaleski State Park - 10 miles for the older boys and half that distance for the younger ones. This built up great appetites and muscles.

There was a camporee at Chief Logan attended by 23 boys and 5 adults.

Many of you donated some of the 710 American flags of different sizes that were officially retired by Eric Bohanan at Fryer Park. Thank you for supporting scouting.

In the past 2 months, scouts in Troop 136 have earned 30 merit badges and there have been 10 rank advancements.

On November 20th our troop cleaned part of Republican Run in the general area behind the K-Mart Store on Stringtown Road as part of a community service project. Other BSA troops cleaned other parts of that waterway. This project was necessary for higher water levels in the Spring to flow freely without being impeded by debris.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

After services January 16th in room S1 (Christian Education Office).

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is the number of shoeboxes FPC filled for Operation Christmas Child's shoebox ministry. Thanks to all who participated!

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men of First Presbyterian, come and join the PMF. The January breakfast and Bible study will be Saturday, January 8th, with the breakfast/meeting at 7:30am and study at 8:00. We will continue with our study of John MacArthur's book "Twelve Ordinary Men".



This month we will cover the last chapter and conclude this study.

Please, come and join us on January 24th, **and invite a friend (member or non-member of FPC).**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Howard Turner (877-0863), Jack Smith (875-0526) or Randy Ross (875-0374).

SESSION

Session members represent the church body that they've been elected to serve. That's why the *Scroll* will list the name, telephone number, and specific committee of Session members in every issue. Church members are encouraged to contact church elders to share questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Clerk of Session	Howard Turner	877-0963	House	Kirk Bohanan	871-4635
Christian Ed	Sherry Kuehnle	877-9501	House	Mark Stewart	871-7463
Christian Ed	Phyllis Gibbs	871-2300	House	Bill Seaton	761-1713
Christian Ed	Diane Cordle	871-1504	Stewardship/Nominating		
Membership	Julia Scholl	539-1492		Rick McKinney	539-9454
Membership	Chris Stein	878-2782	Stewardship/Nominating		
Membership	Denise Stuckert	563-5405		Jeff Ledbetter	871-0502
Worship	Grace Marcum	877-2427	Stewardship/Nominating		
Worship				Pam Schirner	871-2387
Worship	Betty Lawless	875-2238			

DEACON'S OUTREACH

The following persons are serving as Deacons:

Bob Schirner*	871-2387
Roxanne Bullock	875-7011
Karl Knight	740-852-0796
Bill Niles	539-9954
Barbara Holbrook	871-9179
Ruth Rossi	875-7488
Susan Sellars	539-0867
Wendy Shear	875-3549
Phil Holdren	875-2109
Judy Linder	875-0823
Debbie Wilson	875-7325
Keith Larsen	875-6225

* Deacon Moderator

It's almost that time....
ANNUAL REPORTS are due the week
of January 3RD.

**First one in was Joel Ellen Stewart
with the Presby Club report.
Thanks Joel Ellen!**

The Deacons will continue to collect items for **Faith Mission** through January 2011. Check out the Deacon bulletin board near the Fellowship Center or the bulletin bar beside the church office for details.



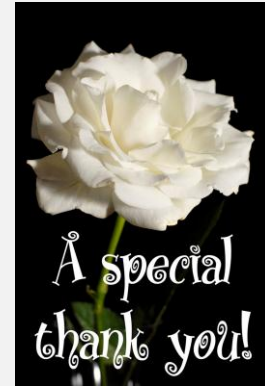
01/01 Shannon Krumm	01/21 Sydney Jones
01/03 Scott Brick	01/22 Eileen Davis
01/04 Matt Fischer	01/23 Colin Ferguson
Alma Penwell	Ann Hoffman
01/05 Ashley Holbrook	Steve Stuckert
01/06 Elise Jones	01/24 Dave Davis
01/07 Matt Lykins	Bob Schirner
01/08 Teresa Brode	Sarah Wiczorek
Wil Schoen	01/25 Jan Miller
01/09 Megan lawless	01/26 Brenda Steinhoff
01/10 Lois Duncan	01/27 Charles Graves
James Lawless	Connie Tiller
Teresa Long	01/28 Marty Berg
01/13 RyLee Smedley	01/29 Rhonda Colborn
01/14 Charlotte Lowery	Adam Holbrook
Carolyn McIntire	Dave Holbrook
01/15 Sydney Brick	Ethan Kuehnle
01/16 Wes Mills	01/30 Dick Davis
01/17 Phil Holdren	Bill Myers
01/18 Heath Nott	
01/19 Joe Jenkins	
Naomi Jenkins	
Lexi Ledbetter	
Jack Smith	



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



January 1st
 Eileen & Dave Davis
 Clara & Sherman Sheldon
 January 5th
 Gayle & Jim Frank
 January 16th
 Stefani & Gary Kesig
 January 17th
 Barbara & Jim Coan
 January 26th
 Nancy & Jim Fredericks



I would like to thank the Presbyterian Women for visiting my home and bringing me the lovely basket of fruit and treats. Their kindness is very much appreciated.

~ Betty Edwards

I would like to thank the volunteers who helped make sure the *Scroll* got out on time every month last year. THANK YOU Betty Faris, Doris Leibrock, Pat Mulvany, Charlene Schulz, Laura Seals and Edna Strickler!

THANKS ALSO to the many who folded bulletins each week this past year. Your helping hands made a big difference as I recovered from surgery. (If you didn't get a chance to help, a new sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the office.)

~Carolyn Lazirko

As you can see, the *Scroll* looks different this month. A new computer system was installed in the office a few weeks ago (the old one was worn out). Microsoft Word 2010 was on the new PC, replacing the outdated program on the old PC. This new program has so many more options, so please bear with me as I learn and fine-tune the *Scroll* over the next few months. Feel free to drop me a note and let me know what you like and also what you'd like to see changed. All comments will be considered and appreciated. Thanks, Carolyn

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday - 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:50 a.m.

EIGHT WAYS TO VIEW THE COMING YEAR AND EVERY YEAR AS A YEAR OF:

1. **New Beginnings** - Start out the new year with a fresh point of view to new experiences, memories, and blessings, having an open mind and heart to wherever the Lord may take you, with full assurance and confidence that He is with you (Matt. 28:19-20).
2. **New Possibilities**- There is no limit to what God can do in your life; nothing is impossible with God. God opens doors that no man can shut and closes doors that no man can open. With God the possibilities are endless when we live according to His will (Phil. 4:13).
3. **New Plans**- Every year is a new season. Pray about what God has planned for you and be willing to walk by faith in obedience as you follow His leading. Remember that His plans are always for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope (Jer. 29:11-13).
4. **New Purpose**- God always has a purpose for what you will experience. He has a reason for what He allows in your life, and through it you can trust Him completely (Prov. 1:3-5).
5. **New Provisions**- The Bible says not to worry about tomorrow for tomorrow has enough worries of its own. Trust in your Heavenly Father who knows everything you need, who is your God and your Provider. He is faithful and He will do it (Matt. 6:25-34).
6. **New Growth**- When we are willing to let go and let God work in and through us, He will always stretch us and grow us. Continue to grow in His Word and your relationship with Him. Pray for God to mold you and make you pliable in the Potter's hand. Then watch the Master Craftsman work on His masterpiece - you!
7. **New Wisdom**- With new experiences and lessons come new wisdom and insight. Make it a priority to seek out wisdom as a hidden treasure or fine gold. Proverbs says that wisdom will set a garland of grace on your head and she will present you with a crown of splendor (Prov. 4:7-9).
8. **Renewed Peace**- As you go through new experiences and new adventures, good or bad, keep your eyes fixed on Christ. He will give you rest and peace because He *is* our peace and He loves you and cares for you deeply (John 16:33).

Let us give thanks to the Lord for getting us through another year as we look forward to what He has in store for us. He is faithful and worthy to be praised!

