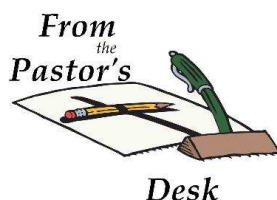


First News United Methodist Church aCross from the park

Our Vision is: *Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus*



Saturday, January 7, 2012 forty-one Disciples of First Church – Staff and Administrative Board and Ministry Team Leaders spent the day in our Planning and Visioning Retreat; with songs and prayers and discussion on the theme: *Making Disciples and the Task of Discipleship.*

Our day together was enriching with a VISION of *enlarging the circle of disciples through JESUS.* Our day was also enthralling with our MISSION of: *embracing, equipping and empowering persons to evangelize through JESUS*

We extend a bouquet of THANK-YOU to all Lead-Disciples of our congregation; and a very special THANK-YOU to Disciples of our Hospitality Ministry Team for preparing and serving meals and providing refreshments throughout the day.

Disciples of First Church we beseech you too individually as well as collectively uphold our congregation in PRAYER.

We should challenge each other to spend much time in prayer, seeking God's plans and purposes for us and; especially as we allow the Holy Spirit to ignite our congregation through worship and service in the name of our Master – Jesus the Christ.

You pray for me and I pray for you and together we shall make a difference among God's children near and far by the power of the Holy Spirit. And all God's people say: Amen.

Gus

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Military Collection Dates

Collections of DVDs, protein bars and candy for our military men and women will be on Sunday, February 5 & 12. DVDs should be TV series, comedies or movies. Cards are also encouraged. Any questions, please contact Diane Ryan. These items will be mailed the week of February 12.

SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Sunday Services -

Blended Service

8:00 am

Contemporary Service

9:15 am

Traditional Service

10:45 am

Sunday School -

9:30 am (all ages)

Nursery provided

For worship services

& Sunday school

A.W.E. -

Alternate Worship

Experience for children

Kindergarten—Grade 4

Room 102—10:45 worship

Worship broadcast -

9:30 am & 6 pm Sundays

1:30 pm Thursdays

Time Warner channel 6

Liturgical Arts

February 6, 7 p.m.

Adult Bible Class

Broadcast -

10:00 am Fridays

DVDs -

Copies of the worship services are available in the church library to borrow. To purchase, see Susan

ADULT CELL GROUP

February 13 & 27, Mondays

7:30—9:00 pm, church

MEN'S PROGRAMS

Wednesday Breakfast For a Buck

7:00 am, Dining Room

Wednesday Discussion

8:00 am, Conference Room

Wednesday Iron Men Study

Conference Room 6:00 pm

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February Preaching Schedule

February 05	5th Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 40:21-31	Exiles Reassured
February 12	Boy Scout Sunday Jana @9:15	Mark 1:40-45	Doing the Unthinkable
February 19	Transfiguration Sunday	Mark 9:02-09	The Beginning of the End Time
February 22	ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00 P.M.	Psalm 51:1—17 2 Corinthians 5:20-21, 6:1-10 Matthew 6:1-6;16-21	Passage Reflection by Marty Burchfield Passage Reflection by Jana Thompson Passage Reflection by Robert Scheidt
February 26	1st Sunday in Lent— Youth as Liturgists	Mark 1:09-15	Jesus, God's End Time Agent

New Pictorial Directory Coming Soon

Lifetouch will be producing a new pictorial directory for First Church. The following dates have been reserved for us to have photos taken:

Thursday, March 29

Friday, March 30

Saturday, March 31

Thursday, April 12

Friday, April 13

Saturday, April 14

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CHURCH
DIRECTORIES
AND PORTRAITS

Watch for more details in the March issue of the newsletter.

MISSION MOMENT—FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

The First UMC Mission Team is planning a week-end trip to Aurora, Illinois to participate in a two-day project to package food which will be sent to countries where children are starving. *Feed My Starving Children* is a non-profit Christian organization committed to "feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit." They are located on the web at {www.fmsc.org}.

First Church volunteers will travel to Aurora (just west of Chicago) on Thursday, March 15. They will spend Friday and Saturday bagging and boxing a rice-based food formulated to meet the needs of severely malnourished children. The group will return on the evening of Saturday, March 17. *Feed My Starving Children* is located on the web

You can make a difference. Please join us!
Contact Jana Thompson if you are interested.

Al Arnold, team member

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWSLETTER FORMAT CHANGE

Where do I find information with the new format of the newsletter? Please refer to the side bars for schedule of events; meetings, Bible studies, staff directory, child care schedule, prayer list.

WOMEN'S TEAM MINISTRIES

Teddy Bear Sunday will be February 12. You may bring your teddy bear to any worship service. Teddy bears should be up to 12" high with no child endangerment attachments. The teddy bears will be given to the Van Wert County Hospital Emergency Room to give to frightened, injured and ill children.

The Women's Ministry thanks you for your support.

FEBRUARY GREETERS: Verona and Terry Eikenbary, Janet and Max Kreisler

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

WEDDING: Lucas Alan Shaffer and Amanda Lee Anderson, December 31, 2011

BIRTH: Caroline Renee Schnepf, December 25, 2011. Parents, Ryan Kelly and Renee Schnepf. Grandparents, Nancy and Ric Kelly.

BAPTISM: Lyla Joan Kennedy, December 30, 2011, daughter of Erin (Wells) & Ronald Kennedy, born September 9, 2011.

DEATHS: Sara Adams, December 25, 2011.
Roger Ralston, January 16, 2012

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS: From now until March 14 from 5—6 p.m. supper will be served in the church dining room.

CHURCH POTLUCKS FOR 2012: February 12, June 24, and October 7.

CHANGES

When you change your phone number, please notify the church whether it be your land line or your cell phone number. If you change your address, please let us know as well. It helps us keep in touch as needed. Thank you for your cooperation. Please call the church office at 419-238-0631, ext. 0.

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your offering envelopes for this year, if not picked up by Sunday, January 29th we will have to mail them out and that can be costly. If you don't have an envelope number and would like one call the church office (419-238-0631, ext. 0) Thank you.

2012 FLOWER CALENDAR is now on the office door. You can sign up for the chancel flowers for 2012. Don't wait to long or you won't get that special date you want, you can call the church office (419-238-0631, ext. 0) or just sign up at the office. Thank you.

THE PRAISE & WORSHIP TEAM is looking for additional musicians and singers to join them in leading worship during the 9:15 Contemporary Service. If you play an instrument, and/or love to sing, please contact Team leader, Cheri Oechsle at cheri.oechsle@gmail.com or [419.605.2838](tel:419.605.2838) for more information

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SCHEDULE

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Women's Programs

Wednesday Women's Study—4:00 pm,
Conference Room

Clay Pots Bible Study,
Thursday-
8:00 am, Conference Room

Women's Team
1st Thursday of the month
4:00 p.m.

Lydia Circle -
2nd Tuesday of the month,
Noon, Church Kitchenette

Sarah Circle –Not Feb.
3rd Monday, 7:30 pm
Conference Room

Knitting Circle -
3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
No Feb/Mar meeting

Martha/Ruth Circle -
Not meeting February, or
March

Sewing Circle -
Contact Helen Huston
238-5713

Water Wednesdays -
Summer only

ADULTS

Tuesday Prayer Group
10:30 am, Conference Rm

Apprentice Series -
7:00 pm, Tuesdays,
Room 102

**A Moment With
Scripture**—Noon,
Wednesdays,
Conference Room

**Apprentice Group Fall
2011**
Wednesdays, 5:15 pm

4th Day Emmaus Group
Noon, 4th Sunday

Visitation -
4th Sunday, 9:00 am
Conference Room

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SCHEDULE

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Children

Cub Scouts—

6:00 pm Mondays

Boy Scouts—

7:00 pm, Mondays

Mustard Seed Sessions—

*After school Wednesdays
until 5:00 pm*

Kindergarten—Grade 4

Impact -

*After school Wednesdays
Until 5*

Grades 5

Joyful Noise Singers -

*Wednesdays during
Mustard Seed*

Joyful Noise Ringers -

*5:20—6pm, Wednesdays,
Sanctuary*

Weekday Preschool -

*3 and 4 year olds, Monday-
Thursday, am*

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Boy Scouts—

7:00 pm, Mondays

Sunday School -

9:30 am, Youth Room

Youth Fellowship -

6:30—8 pm, Wednesday
Youth Room

SENIOR HIGHS

Boy Scouts—

7:00 pm, Mondays

Sunday School -

9:30 am, Youth Room

Cell Group -

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm
Burchfields, 1083 Madison

Youth Fellowship -

Sundays, 6:30—8:30 pm
Youth Room

SENIOR CHOIR

Rehearsal—Wednesdays
7:30 pm, Sanctuary

ADULT HANDBELLS -

Rehearsal, Wednesdays
6:30 pm

SLEUTH REPORT by Al Arnold

A lot can get done in 40 years; that's how long John & Jean Auld have been members of First United Methodist Church, and during those four decades, they have been part of getting a lot done.

The congregation always looks forward to special music on Christian holidays with John on the trumpet as a member of the brass ensemble accompanying the chancel choir. "For a number of years, I performed pretty regularly the special music for the 8 am service," he explained. The Aulds began attending First UMC in 1972. "For the first several years we sang in the chancel choir," John commented. "That is until the kids came along." Jean, who was a clarinet major in college and a career music educator for Crestview Schools, has contributed in many ways to the music program at First. She led the music for Mustard Seeds for a number of years, and continues to play in the hand bell choir. But her warmest memories are of singing with the *Harmonettes*. "That was like a family," Jean reminisced. "After we had practiced our singing, we would go to the church basement for a time of sharing. We prayed and talked out our problems. It was certainly more than just music."

The Aulds have been active in the Christian education programs as well. John led the Wednesday evening study group through the 36- week *Discipleship Series* curriculum. "Reverend Howell got us started and I picked it up. It took us six years, and we read 85-90% of the Bible," John explained. We had a faithful group of Walt Harris, Shirley Jarvis, Linda Mechling, Jana Thompson, Jean and me" John recalled. The Aulds also have served as dispatchers in *Studio One* of "The Uptown District." Jean's expertise and John's great love of music resulted in a natural fit for writing curriculum in which children could praise God with their voices. John's business experience has contributed to knowledge of computers which he has shared in working with curriculum planning in *Peace.com*, the technology venue in "The Uptown District." A Boy Scout leader in Convoy, John has for many years served as the First Church liaison to the Boy Scouts.

John & Jean have done their share with church administration. Both have served on the Administrative Board for the past six years. But it was talking about their "hands-on" involvement that brought the most excitement to their voices. "We washed dishes after the Wednesday evening dinners for several years," John enthused. "And Jean and I both have fond memories of making noodles for the Apple Festival. Jean ran them through the noodle maker and I hung them up to dry," he laughed.

"Church is important and we wanted our children to experience the Lord," John emphasized. Jean interjected, "First has been a 'church family' to us. When we moved from Van Wert to Convoy, it never crossed our minds to change churches. Our kids had wonderful experiences with the Bradfords, the Kalkrouths, and many other friends here. And now our grandchildren are having the same."

The Auld family has received many blessings from their Christian engagement with First UMC, and First UMC is, in turn, a better place for having the Aulds.

February in The Uptown District

Studio One—Kay Okuley; St Paul's Library—Cindy DuVall; Peace.com—Judy Krites

Scripture Lesson – Philippians 3:8 "Consider all of life to be nothing compared to knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

For Everyday – are you willing to give up your prized possessions to follow HIM?

Song – Rich Young Ruler

Family Bible Fun – February 5th

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY

February 1 (Wed.) – Make valentines for members that are in area nursing homes. Meet in youth room at 6:30. Supper 5-6.

February 8 (Wed.) – Deliver prepared valentines to the nursing home residents. Schedule will be announced.

February 15 (Wed.) – Program to be determined by youth interest. Meet in youth room at 6:30. Supper 5-6.

February 22 (Wed.) - Program to be determined by youth interest. Meet in youth room at 6:30. Supper 5-6.

February 26 (Sun.) – Zach Bertsch will be discussing his battle with terminal cancer. The time is currently set for 7:00 but this is subject to change.

February 29 (Wed.) - Program to be determined by youth interest. Meet in youth room at 6:30. Supper 5-6.

Teresa

SENIOR HIGH PROGRAM SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY

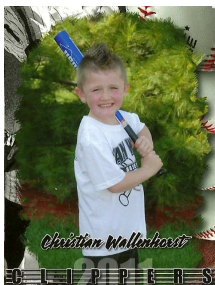
February: 5—We are spending the evening at our church - - - this is going to feel good. We'll be "making" Valentine's cards. Bring a friend. We'll start the night with a meal at 6:30 as always.

February 12—All that hard work making the cards was to give them away. In keeping with our recent tradition, we are again thinking of "others" and specifically those that cannot get out themselves. We will deliver them in the name of Jesus - - - the author of LOVE. We are doing this then because it is right and we are going to be blessed for doing so.

February 19—Staying at our church again. Thinking of our topic still.

February 26—Mr. Zach Bertsch of Bluffton, IN is coming for the evening. He is married with young children and is dying of colon cancer. He is in a position now to come and tell why he has hope and that this is OUR only hope too. Special music coming that evening. This is something I have looked forward to for some time. Don't miss this. All other churches have been invited.

I think that the last event of February and the first event the following month of March are indicative of where we truly wish to be going with these students. All of us will one day die. Zach Bertsch exemplifies the Godly living we need to take on ourselves. What if we lived like "we too" were dying? What changes would we make in our homes and with friends? What significant things would be said that should have been said years before? Who would we talk to about our HOPE? March 2,3 is when we take students to Dayton to actually learn or become reacquainted with our faith and its terrific power. With that knowledge we are then able to bring it to our friends offering them the same HOPE that Zach has. Mark



I just happened to run across a young man named Christian Lee Wallenhorst. I found that his family is made of his dad Paul, his mom Jodi, and sisters Rachael and Mesa. He also has a couple of extended family members of the not-so-human kind...Greta & Buttercup are his dogs, and Garfield is his cat (go figure!)

Christian is a Kindergartener at Franklin Elementary where his favorite part of the day is recess. He enjoys Cub Scouts, playing sports at the YMCA, riding his bike, and fixing stuff with his dad. When deciding his future, you may find Christian checking out the latest fire truck or preparing for basic training as he wishes to be a fireman and an "army guy". If he was to pick any story of the Bible to be his favorite, I found that the Christmas Story is at the top of his list! Should you see Christian around the church, send him a friendly "hello"! As for me....until next time....I'm signing out! Lisa



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Attention College Parents and Students!

The Education Team would like to send our College Students a care package for Valentine's day. Please make sure that our Church Office has an updated Mailing Address!

Get Ready for the Big Game! Our Mustard Seeds kids will be selling Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef, and Broccoli Cheese soups on February 5th after each of our services. Proceeds from this event will go directly to Cooperative Ministries Food Pantry.



Sit Back, Relax, and Enjoy the Game!
 Let Us do your Cookin'!

DVDs of past worship services are available to borrow, in the library.
 Copies to keep are available for a donation in the Technology Office.

Tri-Churches Lenten Gatherings

We shall continue the tradition established during or immediately after the Second World War;
 Our Tri-Churches Lenten Gathering.

During the season of Lent our three churches invites you:

Sunday, February 26

We gather at **5:00 p.m.** at the **First Presbyterian Church** for a time of Food and Fellowship and Worship and a Meditation by Rev. Gus Christo-Baker of First UMC.

Monday, April 02

We gather at **12:00 noon** at **St. Mark's Lutheran Church** for a time of Food and Fellowship and Worship and a Meditation by Rev. Harold Shafer – First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, April 04

We gather at **12:00 noon** at the **First United Methodist Church** for a time of Food and Fellowship and Worship and a Meditation by Rev William Haggis - St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

NEWSLETTER

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Deadline: the 15th of the month for the next issue

Please direct any suggestions, corrections and/or articles for consideration to:
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CHILDCARE SCHEDULE**February 5**Nursery infants—2

8:00—Krites Family

9:15—Smelser Family

10:45—Deb Nedderman

Preschoolers—Rob & Nicole Gamble**February 12**Nursery infants—2

8:00—Greg & Michele Amstutz

9:15—Smelsers

10:45—Terry & Verona Eikenbary

Preschoolers—Mark & Tonia Verville**February 19**Nursery infants—2

8:00—Janel Gearhart

9:15—Smelsers

10:45—Cindy Dickson

Preschoolers—Mitch & Brooke Gearhart**February 26**Nursery infants—2

8:00—Rj & Jill Coleman

9:15—Smelsers

10:45—Bob & Julie Gamble

Preschoolers—Melody McCracken**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3...****THANK YOU FROM DICK AND KAREN SMITH:**

To the Faithful of FUMC, We want to express our greatest appreciation to Pastor Gus for his visits and the phone calls from him and Pastor Paul regarding our well-being.

The get-well greetings with offers of help, prayers lifted in our behalf and love sent touched us and warmed our spirits greatly.

We're mending—be it slowly; but all timing is in God's plan. May all of you who have so thoughtfully sent us well wishes and lifted us in prayer be blessed by our loving Lord in kind. Ever in His Grace.

THANK YOU FROM LOUISE TINGLEY:

To First UMC Family, Thank you for the 94th birthday card shower. It was appreciated.

THANK YOU

"Arlene Hurless, Judy Bradford and Company" for the curtains in the parsonage.
Bob Sowers for making cup holders for the sanctuary.



THE WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL continues to educate the little people within its walls. Each staff person has devoted much time to spreading God's love with each individual child. The students earned some Carnival Fun through their Christmas Chapel Project. Together the students and staff brought in over 300 items for the food pantry. It was a very fun experience learning about the joy of giving. February is National Children's Dental Health Month and Dr. Jessica Jeffrey-Mohr will be visiting the classrooms. She will use the opportunity to share about proper dental care. Lastly, the students and staff would like to thank all those individual who have given so much to the preschool. You are much appreciated and have made a difference in the lives of young children.

Kristy Bagley, administrator

FINANCIAL Report, December 31, 2011

\$474,431.00	2011 Budget
\$ 40,601.49	Operating receipts for December
\$453,191.70	Operating receipts for the year
\$ 31,736.41	Operating expenses for December
\$447,834.77	Operating expenses for the year
45,275.20	Giving to Building Fund for December
\$320,704.16	Giving to Building Fund for 2011
\$315,068.34	Mortgage balance as of January 1, 2012

*Blessed are all that fear the Lord, who walk in his ways.
You will eat the fruit of your labor,
blessings and prosperity will be yours. Psalm 128: 1-2*

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

HEALTH CONCERNS: Arla Allen, Marilyn Baker, Mary Bebout, Nancy Beckman, Kay Bevington, Vicki Burley, L.J. Compton, Wayne and Mary Compton, Rhonda Crosley, Carla Doner, Rick Donovan, Jerry Dunlap, Robert Dunn, Judy Feeney, Lana Gillespie, Trinity Goins, Derek Hill, Jason Hoffman, Katherine Hoverman, Matt Huse, Gary Keysor, Marcia Kline, Harold Kreisler, Kelly Dixon May, Gina McComber, Ruby McCoy, Chad McGue, Dean McComber, Jean Mendenhall, Paul Miller, Deb Pearson, Sarah Robeson, Pat Shaffer, Martha Sidenbender, Dick and Karen Smith, Dorothy Stemen, Rebecca Strickler, Eric Taylor, Joy Thomas, Jerry Worthington.

MILITARY: Nathan Clay, Paul Grutsch, Caleb Kreisler, J. R. Price, Brad Russell, Ben Derry. Families of military who have been wounded or killed in action, Jobs for veterans, POWS, Refugees of war.

MISSIONARIES: Gaston & Jeanne Ntambo-Congo, Jose Luise Ramos and family, persecuted Christians, missionaries around the world.

GLOBAL CONCERNS: Refugees and victims of natural disasters, floods, droughts, famine, fires, earthquakes, terrorism, and wars, world leaders.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGSSPRC

February 9
7:00 pm

Trustees

February 8
7:00 pm

Finance Committee

February 16
7:00 pm

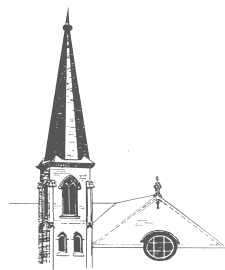


February Birthdays

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| 1 Jackie Bates
Linda Thomas | 17 Sara Grone
Scott Gordon
Corey Scarbrough
Julie Steinen |
| 3 Barb Showalter
Kory Hurless
Kyle Shutt | 18 Kim Clifton
Storm Mercer |
| 4 Linden Krouskop
David Mace
Gary Hamberg
Nicci Gamble | 19 Marcia Pond
20 Christie Wendel
Katlyn Wendel |
| 5 Jim Oechsle
Daphne Wise
Beth Haggerty | 21 Carol Leathers
Paula LaRue
Kara Nedderman |
| 7 Randy Hoblet
Alexandra Weiss | 22 Ray Able
Seth Karl
Michael Hardesty |
| 8 Marilyn Bebout
Julie Burenga
Abby High | 23 Paul Ross
Isabella Wilson |
| 9 Brent Spray | 24 Don Thompson
Deb Nedderman
Hannah Riley |
| 10 Matt Alessandrini
Kyle Adams
Eliza Spath | 25 Brenda Smith
Shawn Harter
Carly Wendel
Flannery Foster |
| 11 Jill Krugh
Jenny Deitemeyer | 26 Pat Wilhelm
Allison Ramsay
Eric Germann
Allison Smith |
| 12 Ron Stuckey
Beth Liningier
Ed Wells
Rick Baum
Trent Harting
Matthew Oechsle | 27 Chad Pollock
Elizabeth Jones |
| 13 Karen Banks
AJ Osenga
Morgan Miller | 28 Sandra Lane
Ed Stevens
Emily Hass
Landyn Clouse
Lucy Gutierrez |
| 14 Kerry Koontz | |
| 15 Emily Sheeter
Mike Gordon | |
| 16 Helen Huston
Judy Bradford
Jerry Worthington
Sally Lahmon
Courtney Hiegel
Blake Bohyer | |

Happy Anniversary to these folks married in February

- | |
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| 1 Janet & Corwin Ray |
| 2 Kudie & Ray Able |
| 3 Linda & Toby Thomas |
| 11 Marylou & Tony Smith |
| 12 Bev & Dick Mercer
Brooke & Mitch Gearhart |
| 14 Melanie & Denny Miller
Lois & Ron August |
| 16 Louise & Bud Stamper |
| 25 Marcia & Fred Pond |



First United Methodist Church

FEBRUARY 2012

FIRST CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Making Disciples

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			See box below 1 11:00 Pictorial Directory Meeting	2 8:00 Women's Bible Study 4:00 Women's Ministry Meeting 6:30 Praise Band	3 6:00 Bread/Bowl	4
Souper Bowl of Caring 5 After each service Mustard Seeds selling soup 9:30 Family Bible Fun 10:30 Joyful Noise Ringers & Singers	6 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts/Liturgical Arts Meeting	7 8:30 Staff Mtg. 10:30 Prayer Group 7:00 Apprentice Study/Cooperative Ministries-Trinity UMC	8 See box below 7:00 Trustee Mtg.	9 8:00 Women's Bible Study 11:45 Preschool Staff Meeting 6:30 Praise Band	10 6:00 Bread/Bowl	11
12 Boy Scout Sunday Teddy Bear Sunday 12:00 Noon Potluck 3:00 Young Artist Recital	13 5:30 Preschool Board Meeting 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Adult Cell Group	14 8:30 Staff Mtg. 10:30 Prayer Group 12:00 Lydia Circle 7:00 Apprentice Study	15 See box below	16 8:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Praise Band 7:00 Finance Mtg./Audit Church Books	17 6:00 Bread/Bowl	18
19 Mission Moments at All 3 services	20 No Preschool—Presidents Day 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	21 8:30 Staff Mtg. 10:30 Prayer Group 7:00 Apprentice Study	22 See box below Ash Wednesday 6:00 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	23 8:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Praise Band	24 6:00 Bread/Bowl	25
26 9:00 Visitation Mtg. 12:30 4th Day Group 5:00 Tri—Church Lenten Service—First Presbyterian Church—Food & Fellowship & Worship-Meditation by Rev. Gus Christo-Baker 7:00 Middle School Student Ministry	27 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Adult Cell Group	28 8:30 Staff Mtg. 10:30 Prayer Group 7:00 Apprentice Study	29			

Sunday Schedule:

8,9:15,10:45-Worship
Coffee Bar open -9-10:30
9:30-Sunday School Classes
12:30 Confirmation Class
6:30-8:30 Sr. High Student

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

7 & 8:00 am—Men's Bible Study
12:00 Noon—Bible Study
3:30 pm— Mustard Seeds/Impact—starts 11th
4:00 pm—Women's Bible Study
5-6:00 pm— Family Meals—starts 11th
5:15 pm—Apprentice 2010
5:20 pm—Youth Ringers-starts 11th
6:30 pm—Handbells
6:30-8:00 pm—Jr. High UMYF
7:30 pm—Senior Choir/Twenty Something Plus/Sr. High Cell Group-Burchfield's Home

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WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

Monday—Thursday
8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

DISCOVERY

Daily Bible Reading

Guide for finding practical help from the Bible

February

- 1 Luke 6:27-36
- 2 Luke 6:37-42
- 3 Luke 6:43-49
- 4 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Who Did You Expect?

- 5 Psalm 119:153-176
- 6 Luke 7:1-10
- 7 Luke 7:11-17
- 8 Luke 7:18-35
- 9 Luke 7:36-50
- 10 Luke 8:1-15
- 11 Isaiah 35:1-10

Eat, Drink and Be...?

- 12 Psalm 38
- 13 2 Samuel 1:1-27
- 14 2 Samuel 2:1-7; 3:1
- 15 2 Samuel 5:1-12
- 16 2 Samuel 6:1-23
- 17 2 Samuel 7:1-17
- 18 Isaiah 55:1-13

Keeping Clean In a Dirty World

- 19 Psalm 89:1-29
- 20 2 Samuel 7:18-29
- 21 2 Samuel 8:15; 9:1-13
- 22 2 Samuel 11:1-27
- 23 2 Samuel 12:1-25
- 24 2 Samuel 15:1-26
- 25 James 1:12-18

An Appeal God Hears

- 26 Psalm 51
- 27 2 Samuel 18:1-18
- 28 2 Samuel 18:19-33
- 29 2 Samuel 19:1-18b

March

- 1 2 Samuel 19:18b-30
- 2 2 Samuel 19:31-43
- 3 Zechariah 12:10-14

Famous Last Words

- 4 Psalm 141
- 5 2 Samuel 22:1-16
- 6 2 Samuel 22:17-30
- 7 2 Samuel 22:31-51
- 8 2 Samuel 23:1-7
- 9 2 Samuel 24:1-25
- 10 Acts 13:21-37

God Gives Second Chances

- 11 Psalm 134
- 12 Jonah 1:1-17
- 13 Jonah 2:1-10
- 14 Jonah 3:1-10
- 15 Jonah 4:1-11
- 16 Obadiah 1-21
- 17 Revelation 14:1-13

Commerce or Worship?

- 18 Psalm 119:73-96
- 19 Luke 18:31-43
- 20 Luke 19:1-10
- 21 Luke 19:11-27
- 22 Luke 19:28-44
- 23 Luke 19:45-20:8
- 24 1 Chronicles 29:10-20

"All They Talk About Is..."

- 25 Psalm 12
- 26 Luke 20:9-19
- 27 Luke 20:20-40
- 28 Luke 20:41-21:4
- 29 Luke 21:5-38
- 30 Luke 22:1-23
- 31 Isaiah 5:1-7

Don't forget Wednesday noon Bible Study
with Gus and Jana in the Conference Room.
You may bring a sack lunch.

