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# First Pres

January 2011



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## A New Year

The new year is upon us. Keeping with tradition and a little bit of fun, will you make a resolution? As you tinker with the idea, I hope that you will consider a suggestion from me.

**Commit to getting to know five members of the church that you don't already know before December 31, 2011.**

This could be a fun adventure. Take on this resolution and it will be full of stories. Some people may work to have it fulfilled in a month. Others may discover that October has arrived and they still have 4 people to go

Either way, if you as members of this church are willing to take this on, you will build a richer sense of community that will inspire our worship, provide deeper dialogue in Christian Education and thereby foster our faith to grow.

It has been my extraordinary privilege to visit with many of our members in the last six months. I have many more visits yet to make. Therefore, my 2011 New Year's Resolution is to get to know the entire congregation before the end of the year. We truly have a great church full of interesting and wonderful people. It is in spending time with folks that I have discovered this first hand. As Christ welcomes each of us just as we are, I hope that you will join me in doing this with one another. Happy New Year!

# Deacons' Visitation List

## Cambridge Warren

Anna Mae Howe

Richard Jones

## Golden Living Center—

### Kinzua

Carol Budd

## The Rouse Home or Suites

Jo Brown

Loverine Chittester

Marjorie Cornwall

Elizabeth Hartwell

Pat Hibner

Eleanor Jones

Martha Jones

Violette McAmbley

Vera McClymonds

## Warren Manor -

Kathryn Brown

Lois Conrad

Karl Hoffmann

Fred Martin

## At Home -

Marion Gay

Sally Kasper

Leroy Korb

Geneva Nagy

Kim Warner



# Joys and Concerns

*We extend our sympathy to ~*

to Kyle Brecht and his family upon the death of Kyle's grandfather, Carl Brecht, 81, of North Warren, who died at his residence on Monday, November 29, 2010.

to Bob and Sarah Swanson on the death of Bob's mother, Naomi J. Swanson, who died November 30, 2010.

*With Sympathy*

# High Adventure

*For the 14 to 20 Year Old Co-Ed Youth*

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nations largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

For a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The BSA believes — and through a century of experience, knows — that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

The First Presbyterian Church has a history in the Scouting Movement since 1917 and continues this relationship through the existing Cub Scout program and Boy Scout program for male youth.

The future brings the opportunity

to provide the 14 to 20 year scouting program for female and male youth to the First Presbyterian Church via the Venturing Crew and Sea Scouting programs.

Sunday, January 9, 2011, the Youth Group will meet the leadership in the Scouting Room for an informational/sign-up for the Co-Ed, Venturing Crew program.

This youth led program will be planned by the youth and young adults. They will execute a FUN and EXCITING, HIGH ADVENTURE EVENT EACH MONTH! The youth and young adults can plan to go hiking, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, repelling, sailing. They may chose to camp in the local forest, on an ocean beach, or an out island in the Florida Keys!!!

If you are a young adult aged 14 to 20 years, please mark January 9 on your calendar and come, find out what it's all about.

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# Choir Awards Presented

On Saturday December 4, 2010 choir awards were presented as the choirs held their annual “Tacky Gift” Christmas party at the home of Bob Dietsch in North Warren. This years winners are Paul Ignatius, Chapel Choir Most Valuable Singer; Tracey Kranak, Scotland Bell Choir Most Valuable Ringer; and Bob Dietsch and Jim Bartholomew, Choir Lifetime Achievement Awards. Barry and Heather Dietsch would like to congratulate and thank them for their dedicated work. They would also like to thank all of our church's talented and

dedicated volunteer musicians for their wonderful music.

Pictured are Eric Kelley, the Rev. Ellie Johns, Joyce Hishman, and Lynn Sears enjoying the “tacky gift” exchange. Also pictured are Jim Bartholomew, Bob Dietsch, Tracey Kranak, and Dr. Paul Ignatius displaying their awards.



## Mission Fundraisers

Please mark your calendars for upcoming fundraisers to help support our next mission trip. This will be an international trip and the group will be traveling to Tanzania to assist with the Majengo project.

A spaghetti dinner will be held on *Saturday, January 22, 2011* in Fellowship Hall. There was great support for last year's mission team through this fundraiser and we hope to see all of you there again. If you can't stay for dinner, please remember that take-outs will be available.

We will be scheduling a community fundraising day at both Pizza Hut and Bob Evans. If you recall, the youth recently did one of these fundraisers at Bob Evans and had quite a successful day. A date for each of the restaurants will

be in future bulletins and newsletters, so look for them soon.

Lastly, we've decided on another soup luncheon after worship on *Sunday, May 1, 2011*. Many of you stayed for the recent soup and pie luncheon and enjoyed terrific vegetable soup. This time, we're going to try something different and hopefully have a couple of soups to choose from.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and look for more

fundraisers. The folks going on the mission trips appreciate all of the help they receive from our congregation. Please consider going on this trip or one in the future. It's truly a great experience!



## Donations and Gifts

Since the last newsletter, the following donations have been made:

- to the General Memorial Fund in memory of Eleanor Stone

# Women's Book Discussion

The Women's Book Discussion Group will be beginning again on January 11, with a book entitled "When God Whispers your Name" by Max Lucado. With chapter titles like "The View from the Mop Bucket," "Why Jesus Went to Parties" and "Behind the Shower Curtain," we are curious to see what each of these chapters will have to say to us and how we choose to lead our lives.

Imagine that God as our shepherd

knows each of us better than we know ourselves. We can not fathom that we are important enough to God that each of our names are on God's hand and on his lips.

Max Lucado is of course a well know author of children's literature and now a writer of great inspirational works to touch all of us. Are you ready to be touched? If so, contact Vickie to become a member of this new book study which will begin soon.

# Birthday Party for Jesus

The Christian Education Committee was very excited to hold a Happy Birthday Jesus Party for the young and "young at heart" members of the church. We had a great turn out for this event held December 12 right after church. We had a light lunch together and then began the activities. Participants had the opportunity to make a Christmas ornament and play Pin the Star on the Tree. Paige McCullough was our guest reader and read Santa and the Christ Child to the children.



We sang Happy Birthday to Jesus and had delicious birthday cake. We were excited by a surprise visit from Santa Claus. It was so much fun seeing so many families and children smiling and working together. I want to thank Eric Davis, Paige McCullough, and Hanna Blasco for helping with this party. Also the support of Gloria Lasher and Tim Greenlund (from the committee) made this the success that it was.

# Sharing Place Schedule

## GROUP ONE

Susie Spangler, Captain	723-9363
Beverly Callahan	757-8475
Ann Ferguson	723-4494
Sylvia Follett	723-9734
Richard King	723-8256
Ida Ruland	723-6466
Jan Scott	723-3632

March 17, 2011      July 28, 2011  
December 15, 2011

## GROUP TWO

Patti Anderson, Captain	757-9268
Deane Anderson	757-9268
Beverly Callahan	757-8475
Ron Carlson	723-5209
Sylvia Follett	723-9734
Richard King	723-8256
Barbara Mader	726-1903
Bill Mader	726-1903
Audrey Patton	723-8796

April 28, 2011      September 8, 2011

## **DESSERTS**

Louise Crozier	723-8690
Carrie Duckett	723-2453
Joyce Hill	723-2134
Tina Huey	726-2917
Ida Ruland	723-6466
Dorothy Wingert	723-6656

## **DESSERTS**

Mindy Colvin	726-2844
Jennie Dobson	723-1190
Connie Johnson	723-7208
Tina Huey	726-2917
Audrey Patton	723-8796

## GROUP THREE

Lynda Slocum, Captain	726-4990
Beverly Callahan	757-8475
Ron Carlson	723-5209
Sylvia Follett	723-9734
Kass Judson	563-2249
Richard King	723-8256
Deane Passmore	723-1443
Don Scott	723-4677

February 3, 2011      June 16, 2011  
October 27, 2011

## **DESSERTS**

Mindy Colvin	726-2844
Martha Holtz	723-8734
Tina Huey	726-2917
Carole Mayer	726-0441
Lynn Sears	723-9479

## **SUBSTITUTE DESSERTS**

Martha Goodman	723-1262
Jan Scott	723-4677
Lynn Sears	723-9479

## **SUBSTITUTE SERVERS**

Kathy Lang	726-1780
Lynn Sears	723-9479
Susie Spangler	723-9363
Dottie Wingert	723-6656

Patty Lundahl      726-3767  
Call Patty if you need help setting tables.

**NOTE:** Team Captains and "Early" people should be at the kitchen at **3:00 p.m.** All others should be there at **4:00 p.m.**

If you can not be there at your assigned time, please arrange for your own substitute. It is not your Team Captain's responsibility! All members of each team are responsible to help the *two* kitchen aides with clean up after everyone has eaten.

Sunday



Monday

Tuesday

We

# January

<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<p><b>Non-Perishable Food Collection</b></p> <p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal            9:00am Sunday School            10:00am Morning Worship            11:00am Fellowship Hour            11:20am Mission Committee</p>	<p>New Year's Holiday - Building Closed</p> 	<p>12:00pm AA            1:30pm Staff Meeting            6:30pm Worship Committee            7:00pm AA</p>	<p>3:15pm P.A.C.            6:15pm Scotl            6:45pm Evan            7:30pm Sanc            Rehearsal</p>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal            9:00am Sunday School            10:00am Morning Worship            11:00am Fellowship Hour            11:20am Deacons' Board Mtg            4:00pm Food and Fellowship</p>	<p>6:30pm Troop 8            6:30pm Care &amp; Spiritual Growth committee</p>	<p>10:00am Book Discussion Group            12:00pm AA            1:30pm Staff Meeting            7:00pm AA</p>	<p><b>Newslett</b></p> <p>3:15pm P.A.C.            6:15pm Scotl            6:30pm Prop            7:30pm Sanc            Rehearsal</p>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<p><b>Youth Skiing</b></p> <p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal            9:00am Sunday School            10:00am Morning Worship            11:00am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>6:00pm Cooking Class            6:30pm Troop 8            6:30pm Little Bach/Jr. Philomel</p> 	<p>10:00am Book Discussion Group            12:00pm AA            1:30pm Staff Meeting            7:00pm AA</p>	<p>3:15pm P.A.C.            6:15pm Scotl            7:30pm Sanc            Rehearsal</p>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal            9:00am Sunday School            10:00am Morning Worship            11:00am Fellowship Hour            11:20am Christian Ed Mtg.</p>	<p>6:30pm Troop 8</p>	<p>10:00am Book Discussion Group            10:00am Newsletter Assembly            12:00pm AA            1:30pm Staff Meeting            7:00pm AA</p>	<p>3:15pm P.A.C.            6:15pm Scotl            7:30pm Sanc            Rehearsal</p>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
<p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal            9:00am Sunday School            10:00am Morning Worship            11:00am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>6:00pm Lioness Board Meeting            6:30pm Troop 8</p>		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">2010</h1>			<b>January 1</b> New Year's Day
5	6	7	8
C.E. and Bell Rehearsal Angelic Committee Soprano Choir	4:30pm Sharing Place Meal 6:30pm District Scout Committee 7:00pm NA	6:00pm AA 8:00pm AA	
12	13	14	15
Member Material Due C.E. and Bell Rehearsal Angelic Committee Soprano Choir	4:30pm Sharing Place Meal 6:00pm Dinner at the Manse 6:30pm District Scout Committee 7:00pm NA	6:00pm AA 8:00pm AA	5:45pm Dinner with Friends
19	20	21	22
C.E. and Bell Rehearsal Soprano Choir	4:30pm Sharing Place Meal 6:30pm Session Meeting 7:00pm NA  	6:00pm AA 8:00pm AA	5:00pm Spaghetti Dinner   SPAGHETTI DINNER
26	27	28	29
C.E. and Bell Rehearsal Soprano Choir	4:30pm Sharing Place Meal 7:00pm NA	6:00pm AA 8:00pm AA	

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# Sharing Place Helpers

December 30, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Melinda King Debbie Vicini Sarah Wilson
January 6, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Dottie Wingert Marguerite Lyle Debbie Vicini
January 13, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Sandy Ransom Mary Merenick Debbie Vicini
January 20, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Elsie Giegrich Donna & Virgil Carlson Debbie Vicini
January 27, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Bev Callahan Nancy Oliphant Debbie Vicini
February 3, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Susie Spangler Marty Goodman Debbie Vicini
February 10, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Melinda King Debbie Vicini Sarah Wilson
February 17, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Dottie Wingert Marguerite Lyle Debbie Vicini

Beverly Callahan .....	757-8475	Nancy Oliphant .....	757-8455
Donna & Virgil Carlson.....	723-4098	Sandy Ransom .....	723-5107
Marty Goodman .....	723-1262	Melinda King .....	723-8256
Susie Spangler .....	723-9363	Debbie Vicini .....	723-1658
Marguerite Lyle .....	723-1682	Sarah Wilson.....	723-5984
Mary Merenick .....	726-0147	Dottie Wingert .....	723-6656
Betty McAmbley .....	726-1698		

## DUTIES FOR KITCHEN AIDES

1. Help the cook with food preparation when needed.
2. Make coffee.
3. Allow the host committee to take over other responsibilities when they arrive at 3:15.
4. Help the cook prepare plates for serving.
5. Make certain all food is marked and properly wrapped for storage in the freezer.
6. See that all dishes and equipment are put away in their proper places.

# Candlelight Dinner

The Christian Education Committee invites you to join us for an evening in a Winter Wonderland. Imagine our beautiful Memorial Parlor transformed for a dazzling, elegant evening in the midst of the winter doldrums. Treat yourself and friends to an evening of relaxation and fine dining without having to travel very far at all. Come and see for yourself what everyone has been talking about for the last two years. Can it be possible that this will be our third candlelight dinner experience? Elegant dining, delightful company, and efficient servers are all part of the dining experience that will be held in FEBRUARY.

Kyle Brecht will again be our head chef. That assures us that the food will be delicious as

always. Many seasoned cooks help with this event preparing and serving. That is what makes the whole evening go like clockwork. The menu is being planned and will be publicized soon.

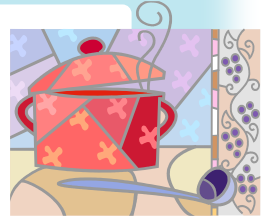
Don't miss this Winter Wonderland experience. Mark your calendar now and set aside the date. You won't want to miss this evening of enjoyment. Ticket sales will begin early in mid January. All the details for this evening will be advertised in Communication Hall. Watch for that information.



# Be A Pot Stirrer

**Attention Senior High Youth. Stir the pot... Come and help us make soup and plans.**

Plan on being part of the planning for your youth activities for the next several months. To accomplish that, join in the planning that will take place on January 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior High Room. We will be discussing the summer mission trip to New York City, fundraising to support that trip and projects, volunteer work and activities for the coming months. Let your voice be heard.



We will also be making soup...just the perfect thing to enjoy together on a cold winter evening. Be a pot stirrer and soup maker.

We will also be hearing about a new program that the church is sponsoring available to all youth 14 to 20 called Venture Crew. If you are interested in outdoor activities and trying new things, this might be the program for you. Come and find out. All this and food too!

# What's for Dinner?

Our cook for January 17 class is Sandy Ransom. Sandy is a life-long resident of North Warren with the exception of an airline career in New York City. Sandy has always loved to cook and share her recipes with others. She is married and has two grown daughters. Cooking come naturally because her father was a chef in this area. Although her mother didn't like to cook, Sandy recalls sitting down to many delicious meals prepared by her!



Trying new recipes, gardening, reading, and learning about antiques are Sandy's hobbies. She is also a weekly volunteer at the Hospice of Warren county office and is one of our Sharing Place volunteer.

The class meets at **6:00 P.M. Monday, January 17**, in the kitchen adjacent to Fellowship Hall. Join us there! A donation of \$2.00/person helps offset the cost of the items being used..

# Senior High Youth Ski Weekend

Come on all you skiers and join in a ski weekend being planned for January 16 and 17 with the youth from Wayside Presbyterian, Erie, Pa. Interested youth in grades 8-12, should reserve their spot for the weekend as soon as possible. This weekend is an opportunity to experience fellowship with the youth from Warren and Erie that will be going on the youth Mission trip this summer.

We will leave the church on Sunday, January 16 about 3:00 P.M. and travel to Mission Meadows for an overnight. This is a great lodge with great food and a wonderful chance to form new friendships. We will rise early on Monday morning to travel to Peek n' peek for Skiing.

You will need approximately \$42 for the overnight stay which includes lodging and meals (a dinner on Sunday and breakfast on Monday). The ski pass for all day is \$53.00 and ski rental is \$26.00

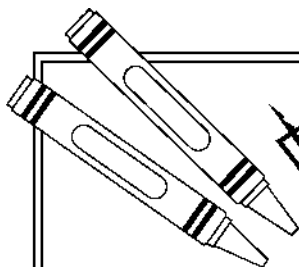
for an 8 hour pass. If we can arrange for transportation to the Peek on Monday, you may choose the option of skiing only. You will also want to have some money with you for lunch ( approximately \$5 to 10.00). In giving you plenty of warning, maybe you can use some of your babysitting, work, or Christmas money to help your mom and dad with the expense. We are still working on qualifying for a group rate.

A limited number of scholarships are available to help with the cost of this weekend. If you are

interested in going, contact Vickie. Families with multiple members that want to, can arrange for a discount. Talk to Vickie, if money is keeping you from participating.

Permission slips are available in Vickie's office. A \$25.00 deposit must be made to reserve your spot by January 2. This is a great experience. Don't miss out.






# PUZZLE

## From darkness to light

In the Bible, God speaks often about light and darkness. He gives us much instruction about which path we should choose.

- |           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| 1. Good   | Righteousness |
| 2. Death  | Children      |
| 3. Go     | Life          |
| 4. Evil   | Come          |
| 5. Adults | Bad           |



Match the opposites and then write the word in the right-hand column in the correct blanks to finish each verse.

"When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are \_\_\_\_\_, your body also is full of darkness." Luke 11:34, NIV  
(1)

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of \_\_\_\_\_." John 8:12, NIV  
(2)

"I have \_\_\_\_\_ into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46, NIV  
(3)

"For what do \_\_\_\_\_ and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?"  
2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV  
(4)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as \_\_\_\_\_ of light." Ephesians 5:8, NIV  
(5)

Answers: 1. bad, 2. light, 3. life, 4. righteousness, 5. children

## Youth Birthdays

Katie Kirsch	January 10
Matthew Bennett	January 11
Sloane Horner	January 12
Caleb Johnson	January 13
Austin Schwanke	January 15
Drew Higgins	January 22
Peyton Horner	January 22
Emilee Shafer	January 22
Alyssa Warner	January 24
Devon Franklin	January 25



## Birthdays Information

Birthdays information is published based on the information available. Changes, additions, and corrections are ongoing, so please let us know of any errors, additions, or corrections that you may be aware of. Thank you!

## Adult Birthdays

Don Scott	January 4
Andy Dietsch	January 5
Dane Holding	January 5
Bernie Wingert	January 6
Marjorie Neel	January 10
Chuck Davidson	January 11
Lisa Eldridge	January 11
Craig Mayer	January 11
Molly Bonavita	January 14
Ann Buerkle	January 14
Coleen Christy	January 14
James Holding	January 14
Sucha Phillips	January 15
Leslie King	January 17
Jasen Diley	January 18
Sidney VanOrd	January 18
Bob Dietsch	January 19
Matt Huey	January 20
Jennifer Neall	January 20
James Bartholomew	January 22
James Hand	January 22
Carol Hanna	January 23
Melinda King	January 25
Marcia Colvin	January 26
Karla marsh	January 26
Lori VanOrd	January 27
Dean Anderson	January 28
Ryan Christy	January 30
Shirley Knopf	January 31

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*For surely*  
**I KNOW THE**  
**plans**  
*I have for*  
**YOU,**  
says the  
*Lord...*  
**TO GIVE YOU A**  
**future**  
**WITH**  
*Hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

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