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March 2011



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Baptism

At baptism, as a congregation, we promise on behalf of the whole Christian church, to guide and nurture those being baptized by word and deed, with love and prayer, and encourage them to know and follow Jesus, as faithful members of Christ's church. So how do we live into our baptismal covenants with one another?

This is a question I think about often. Over the last ten years, it is a question I have continued to ask specifically when thinking of young adults and more specifically those who in the midst of pursuing higher education.

Young adults experience many transitions and mature through these experiences. While in college they are taught to think critically. Simultaneously, they attempt to make meaning of faith and all of life. In her book, *Big Questions, Worthy Dreams* Sharon Daloz Park speaks of how young people "evolve in their faith formation from a conventional faith, which stands largely unexamined, to a critical -systemic faith which can evolve into a mature faith that can hold both conviction and paradox." It is key that during this time of meaning-making the church accompany young adults as they are faced with questions that challenge what they have

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known, as doubts are raised and they discern what they believe. We are called to mentor and empower these young adults to claim faith for themselves.

Imagine if the church took seriously their baptismal covenants with college students. In an age of decline in church participation and at a stage of life where most people leave the church, we would not only provide a turn around strategy for the sake of the church but also we would live into the promises we make as congregations to each of these individuals. This responsibility does not cease at confirmation or graduation from high school but is life-long.

Last week, I took two of our college students to dinner in Pittsburgh.



My goal is to visit each student during their college career, as a means of providing ongoing conversation and live into our baptismal promises. College students are quick to take me up on a free dinner away from the

cafeteria. This provides great space for simply being present but also encouraging them to find a faith community where they are. Whether we are accompanying our young adults in the congregation or afar, we are called to

serve as mentors in the faith that will not manipulate them to believe but will be present to model the rich abundance of living a life of faith in our Triune God. I invite you to join me in asking the question: how do we live into our baptismal covenants with one another. Join me in trying to figure out how we can be more fully present to our young adults in college and beyond those ranging in age from 18-30.

Daylight Savings Begins

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 13, 2011

Remember to turn your clocks ahead
one hour

before retiring Saturday evening.



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 Hartwick

Pat Hibner

Eleanor Jones

Martha Jones

Violette McAmbley

Vera McClymonds

Warren Manor -

Kathryn Brown

Lois Conrad

Karl Hoffmann

Eleanor Morris

Winnie Wills

At Home -

Sally Kasper

Leroy Korb

Geneva Nagy

Kim Warner

Joys and Concerns

We extend our sympathy to ~

- to Carla Mae Gay and family upon the death of Carla's mother, Marion J. Gay, 101, who died Monday, February 14, 2011 at her residence.
- Susie Shafer and Jennifer and Michael Cameron and their families upon the death of Susie's father and Jennifer's grandfather, John M. "Jack" Hickey, 85, who died Sunday morning, February 6, 2011.
- Carolyn and Kevin Fry upon the death of her brother, Mr. David Mead, 52, who died Tuesday morning, February 8, 2011.
- Barb and Mark Phillips and Aaron Borger and their families upon the death of Barb's father and Aaron's grandfather, Frederick Martin, who died Thursday, February 10, 2011.



With Sympathy

Silent Auction

Sunday, April 3 at 11:15 AM

Don't be "silent" in this plea for the Silent Auction. The Christian Education Committee will sponsor this activity again for the Relay for Life. Many varieties of baskets make this event a bunch of fun. If you are willing and able to donate a basket for this worthwhile event, you will also be contributing to the proceeds for the Relay for Life Cancer Fundraiser. We have planned to hold this auction/

luncheon after church on Sunday April 3. We wanted to give anyone who had contributed in the past or would like to do so this time around, plenty of time to get their baskets assembled. We would like to have them on display beginning March 20. Let Vickie know if you are planning on helping. We again thank you for your continuing support.

Spring Rummage Sale

Friday and Saturday, May 6 & 7, 2011.

Many of us are already anticipating spring. The obvious reason is that we would like this winter weather to come to an end. Others are anticipating spring for a completely different reason. We will be organizing another Spring Rummage Sale being held to support the Youth Mission Trip to New York City. When that spring cleaning bug hits and you don't

know what to do with all that great, gently used stuff that has accumulated in your basement and attic, just pack it up and donate it to the Spring Rummage Sale. Bring it to the church and our group of highly efficient volunteers will take care of it from there. We are looking forward to having lots of great merchandise and another hugely successful sale.

Donations and Gifts

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

- to the Capital Campaign Fund in memory of Neil W. Wade
- to the Capital Campaign Fund in memory of Eunice Martin
- to the General Memorial Fund in memory of Fred Martin
- to the Capital Campaign Fund in memory of Fred Martin
- to the Capital Campaign Fund in memory of Marion Gay

March Is Mission Month

March is Mission Month this year and we anticipate three speakers representing local mission projects.

We will start on March 2nd with a participant from the Majengo Orphanage which is sponsored in Tanzania by Matt McKissock and his employees.

March 9th is Ash Wednesday and Pastor Ellie is planning a simple meal and communion to mark the beginning of Lent.

The 23rd of March will be our annual Broadway Night, a lively evening of entertainment where our offering is contributed to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.

March 30 is Sarah Phillips from The Crossing speak as well as Dr. Matt Megill on his own mission project.

Each program will follow a dinner where the main dish is provided and attendees are asked to bring a dish to be shared.



Mission Program

Please come and join us for food, fellowship, and enlightening speakers. Bring your family and friends to share these unique evenings.

Reservations are appreciated but not necessary, so if you

plan to come, please sign up on the sheets provided in Communication Hall, on the weekly sign-in sheets in the pews, or call the office.

Broadway Night Fundraising Event



Are you looking for a little fun outlet for your musical talents? Our famous fabulous **Broadway Night**, sponsored by the Mission Committee, will be held on March 23 this year. If you're interested in singing or playing a Broadway tune and joining our "cast," please see Barry Dietsch or call him at 716-662-3713. We'd love to have you!

All proceeds from this event benefit our Relay for Life team. Your support of this mission is most appreciated.

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

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	Wednesday
		March 1	
		10:00am Book Discussion Group 12:00pm AA 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Worship Committee 7:00pm AA	3:15pm P.A.C.E. 6:00pm Mission w/Matt McKissack 6:15pm Scotland 6:45pm Evangelism 7:30pm Sanctuary Rehearsal
6	7	8	9
Non-Perishable Food Collection 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:20am Mission Committee	6:30pm Troop 8	10:00am Book Discussion Group 12:00pm AA 1:30pm Staff Meeting 5:15pm Finance Committee 6:00pm Dinner at the Manse 7:00pm AA	Ash Wednesday Newsletter Meeting 3:15pm P.A.C.E. 6:00pm Ash Wednesday w/Communion 6:15pm Scotland 6:30pm Property 7:30pm Sanctuary
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20	21	22	23
9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Fellowship Hour	6:00pm Cooking Class 6:30pm Troop 8 6:30pm Little Bach/Jr. Philomel 	10:00am Book Discussion Group 10:00am Newsletter Assembly 12:00pm AA 1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Community Lenten Service @Grace UMC	3:15pm P.A.C.E. 5:00pm Broadway & Program 7:30pm Sanctuary Rehearsal
27	28	29	30
9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:20am Christian Ed Mtg.	6:00pm Lioness Board Meeting 6:30pm Troop 8	10:00am Book Discussion Group 12:00pm AA 1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Community Lenten Service@St. Joe's	3:15pm P.A.C.E. 6:00pm Mission 6:15pm Scotland 7:30pm Sanctuary Rehearsal

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>16</p> <p>Month Dinner Bell Rehearsal ry Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>4:30pm Sharing Place Meal 6:30pm Session Meeting 6:30pm Biggest Loser 7:00pm NA</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>6:00pm AA 8:00pm AA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:45pm Dinner with Friends</p>
<p>23</p> <p>ay Night Dinner ry Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:30pm Sharing Place Meal 6:30pm Biggest Loser 7:00pm NA</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00pm AA 8:00pm AA</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Month Dinner Bell Rehearsal ry Choir</p>	<p>31</p> <p>4:30pm Sharing Place Meal 6:30pm Biggest Loser 7:00pm NA</p>	<p>2011</p>	

2/17/2011 11:23 AM

Sharing Place Helpers

March 3, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Elsie Giegerich Donna & Virgil Carlson Debbie Vicini
March 10, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Bev Callahan Nancy Oliphant Debbie Vicini
March 17, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Susie Spangler Marty Goodman Debbie Vicini
March 24, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Melinda King Debbie Vicini Sarah Wilson
March 31, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Dottie Wingert Marguerite Lyle Debbie Vicini
April 7, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Sandy Ransom Mary Merenick Debbie Vicini
April 14, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Elsie Giegerich Donna & Virgil Carlson Debbie Vicini

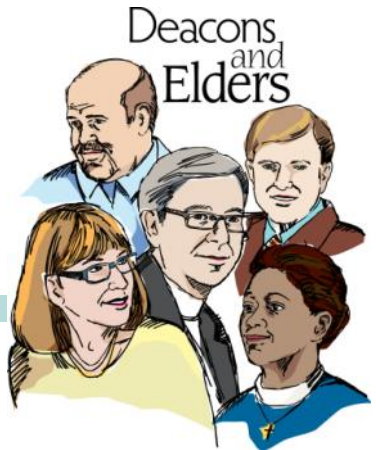
Beverly Callahan	757-8475	Nancy Oliphant	757-8455
Donna & Virgil Carlson.....	723-4098	Sandy Ransom	723-5107
Marty Goodman	723-1262	Melinda King	723-8256
Susie Spangler	723-9363	Debbie Vicini	723-1658
Marguerite Lyle	723-1682	Sarah Wilson.....	723-5984
Mary Merenick	726-0147	Dottie Wingert	723-6656
Betty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

Elders by Class

Martha Goodman-----2011	Lynn Sears----- 2012
Laura Henry-----2011	Jasen Diley ----- 2013
Cindy Knapp-----2011	Kay Dolan ----- 2013
Tracey Kranak -----2011	Vickie Eggleston ----- 2013
Martha Leathers -----2011	Craig Mayer----- 2013
Lynda Slocum -----2011	Dru Schoenborn ----- 2013
Clarence Bauer -----2012	
Howard Ferguson -----2012	
Tim Greenlund -----2012	
Anne Higgins -----2012	
Gloria Lasher -----2012	



Deacons by Class

Ron Carlson -----2011	
Kelly Diley -----2011	Carole Mayer -----2012
Carrie Duckett -----2011	Don Scott -----2012
J. Greg Huey -----2011	Richard Bonafede -----2013
Susie Spangler -----2011	Chuck Davidson -----2013
Dottie Wingert -----2011	James Eggleston -----2013
Amy Davidson -----2012	Robert Sears-----2013
Ann Ferguson -----2012	Rick Strohmeyer-----2013
Debbie Hunter -----2012	Richard Swanson-----2013
Keith Kirsch-----2012	

Book Presentation

The Christian Education Committee of First Presbyterian Church sponsored a book presentation for the youth of the church on February 13. The committee is excited to have the opportunity to present age appropriate books that tell about the life and stories of God and his son Jesus to the children of the church who are actively involved in Sunday school and weekly church attendance. Those receiving books were:

Age 3 and 4-*The Beginner Bible*

- Colby Cameron
- Jordan Cameron
- Lionel Chapel
- Natalie Dietsch
- Noah Diley
- Sloan Horner

- Lora Lei Johnson

Kindergarten-

Come Worship With Me

- Savanna Carlson
- Brok English

First Grade-

The Family Story Bible

- Tristan Dolan
- Sean Duckett
- Grace Diley
- Ben Salapek

Third Grade-

The Adventure Bible

- Sam Salapek
- Pierce Landis
- Rachel Dietsch



Souper Bowl

The average gift contributed to this effort is one dollar from each contributor. That is what is suggested by the people who organize and publicize this plea for the hungry. Our collection yielded a much higher return per each person contributing than that amount. That simply shows, one more time, the commitment this church has to helping others. Thank you for your contribution. The Sharing Place will greatly benefit from your efforts. Our COLLECTION YIELDED \$135.20

Nationally \$7,497,382. has been collected in 2011 by 8,563 groups.

Care & Spiritual Growth

On February 6th we had 21 persons who attend our food, fun and fellowship meal. We enjoyed great food, lots of visiting and playing of games.

Currently, our committee is working on the church member rolls, as required by our church laws. Part of this entails encouraging those who have not been to worship and other activities in the church in quite a while to become active once again. This is one part of living into our baptismal promises for one another.

Forgiveness BRACELET

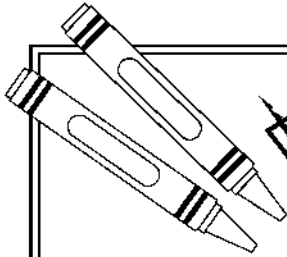
Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, and he tells us to forgive other people, too. Make and wear this craft as a reminder that you are forgiven — and should be forgiving.

What you need:

- Clear plastic bottle (about 16 oz.)
- An adult to help
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Permanent black marker
- Glue or clear tape
- Thin ribbon or yarn
- Small hole punch

What you do:

1. Remove any label from the bottle. Have an adult help you cut the bottle in half, width-wise. At the middle, cut out two identical half-inch-wide strips.
2. Cut out paper the same size as the plastic strips.
3. On the paper, write “Forgive, and you will be forgiven” (Luke 6:37, NIV).
4. Place the paper between the two plastic strips.
5. Cut and glue the ribbon or yarn to run along the top and bottom of the verse, framing the words.
6. Punch a hole at each end, through all three layers.
7. Tie the bracelet to your wrist with ribbon or yarn.



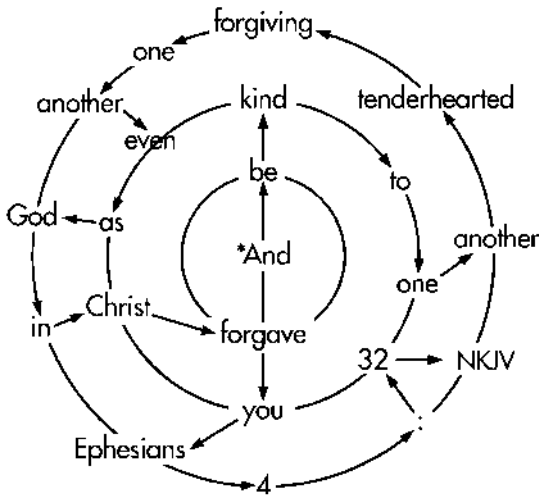
PUZZLE

WHY FORGIVE?



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others – and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



"And _____ ,
 _____ , _____
 _____ , _____
 _____ , _____
 _____ , _____"

Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NKJV

Youth Birthdays

Brok English	March 1
Andrew Lang	March 6
Aaron Borger	March 8
Hana Blasco	March 13
Lauren Christy	March 21
Dakota Gardiner	March 26
Tristan Dolan	March 31



Birthdays

Birthday Information

Birthday 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

Patricia Horner	March 1
Kathleen Mahaffy	March 4
Patti Anderson	March 5
Richard Bonafede	March 5
Lukia Douvlos	March 5
Dixie Weldon	March 5
Lynn Sears	March 8
Cathy Morse	March 9
James Higgins	March 9
Lori Franklin	March 10
Craig Lindquist	March 10
Jennifer Rossey	March 11
John Salapek	March 11
Barb Phillips	March 12
James Eggleston	March 13
Lawrence Krespan	March 13
Marilyn Bonace	March 14
Paul Ignatius, Jr.	March 14
Richard Jones	March 14
Daniel Albaugh	March 15
Bill Mader	March 15
Bill Dyke	March 18
Bob Hunter	March 19
Zora King	March 21
Merle Scott	March 23
Louise Crozier	March 24
Melissa Landis	March 27
Lisa Walker	March 27
Connie Johnson	March 28
Greg Lyle	March 28
George Crozier	March 30
Dawn Sears	March 31

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