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MARCH 2015

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POST IT NOW!

Classifieds

**HELP WANTED!**  
The Chancel Guild needs your help. See Judy Iverson to sign up for a team.

**USHERS NEEDED!**  
We are in need of a few good ushers! Inquire with Pastor Jimmy or any one of the usher captains.



**Plug In**  
it's YOUR church

Sign-up sheets are in the Lounge.  
**Sign up Today!**

Need a ride?

**Rides to and from worship services can be provided.**  
Please contact Greg Hoss or the church office.

- FPC Meetings**
- Mar. 2 ..... 5:00 PM Gatherers Group Meeting
  - ..... 5:30 PM CE/Outreach Team Meeting
  - ..... 6:00 PM Facilities Team Meeting
  - Mar. 3 ..... 6:00 PM Deacons
  - Mar. 8 ..... **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**
  - Mar. 9 ..... 5:30 PM Communications Team Meeting
  - ..... 6:30 PM Finance Ministry Meeting
  - Mar. 10 ..... 6:00 PM Personnel Team Meeting
  - Mar. 11 ..... 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting
  - Mar. 12 ..... 5:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting
  - Mar. 17 ..... 6:30 PM Session
  - Mar. 18 ..... **CHIMES DEADLINE**
  - ..... 3:15 PM Comfort My People Meeting
  - ..... 6:00 PM Adventures in Worship
  - Mar. 20 ..... 9:30 AM Primetimers
  - Mar. 29 ..... **PALM SUNDAY**
  - Mar. 30 ..... 12:30 PM Fold Chimes



Dr. Jimmy's Spiritual Rx: As Lent Has Begun, We Are Still in the Grip of Winter, but...."

Suggested Scripture(s): Isaiah 53

I'm not sure if "collected" is the right word, I pray it is not "hoarded," so maybe I should just say, "Over the years I have 'piled together' numerous and various resources" for special seasons of the church year like Advent and Lent.

Here is how Marci Alborghetti describes this reality:

Lent begins in the grip of winter, when spring seems far away. Gardens are bare, and its hard to imagine flowers poking green buds through the icy crust of dirt.

At the beginning of Lent, our hearts, like the sun, may be tired and weak. We wonder if spring will ever come. Christmas is a memory; Easter's exciting alleluias are distant.

Yet as Lent progresses, we see signs of Resurrection. There are warm, sunny days among the gloomy ones. The sun, growing warmer, starts rising earlier and setting later.

It is also during Lent, that many ...often...do their spring-cleaning to get ready for the new season. We clear out closets, dust, vacuum and wash floors.

As a church family and community of faith, we too, are invited to come together as a family "to pray with Scripture," worship, and "prepare for the new life and light" and love of Jesus promised during Advent and Christmas and hoped and prepared for during Lent.

Love in Christ, Pastor Jimmy

This Food Pantry is a BLESSING . . . Thanks to you who donate. Many families are being fed.



We have found that there are quite a few new families requesting food because, when they get their check and pay their power bill and buy gas to get back and forth to work, they have no money left for food.

Toilet Paper, Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, etc. are needed every week. The Deacons wish to thank you for your generosity.

- Mar. 1 ..... Meat/Vegetables/Boxed Meals With Meat
Mar. 8 ..... Fruit/Meat/Pancakes/Syrup/Velveeta Cheese
Mar. 15 ..... Boxed Cereal/Oatmeal/Spaghetti/Sauce/Meat
Mar. 22 ..... Meat/Boxed Meals With Meat/Beans/Rice
Mar. 29 ..... Peanut Butter/Jelly/Soups

Circle Meetings

Tuesday, March 10 ~ Ruth Circle will meet at 10:30 AM at the church.

Thursday, March 12 ~ Rachel Circle will meet in the Boardroom at 9:30 AM

Thursday, March 26 ~ Lydia Circle will meet on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at 2 PM, at the home of Esther Williams, 904 Central Ave.

Greeters

- Mar. 1 ..... Bill & Harriet Hymer
Mar. 8 ..... Steve Bowler
Mar. 15 ..... Bob & Judy Iverson
Mar. 22 ..... Jean Land & Meghan Verkler
Mar. 29 ..... Bob & Margaret Crabb

Meals on Wheels

- Mar. 6 ..... Mary Hardy
Mar. .... Nancy Boesdorfer & Joyce DeBoer
Mar. 20 ..... OPEN
Mar. 27 ..... OPEN

Cookies

- Mar. 1 ..... Eva Cornwell & Karen Schildt
Mar. 8 ..... Pat Tarr & Mary Hardy
Mar. 15 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer & Harriet Hymer
Mar. 22 ..... Marj Gilliland & Lisa Cline
Mar. 29 ..... EASTER BRUNCH

Coffee Hour

- Mar. 1 ..... Eva Cornwell & Pat de Place
Mar. 8 ..... OPEN
Mar. 15 ..... OPEN
Mar. 22 ..... Kolby Riggle & Steve Bowler
Mar. 29 ..... EASTER BRUNCH

Flowers

- Mar. 1 ..... OPEN
Mar. 8 ..... OPEN
Mar. 15 ..... OPEN
Mar. 22 ..... OPEN
Mar. 29 ..... OPEN

Flowers to Shut-Ins

- Mar. 2-6 ..... OPEN
Mar. 9-13 ..... Bill Garrison
Mar. 16-20 ..... OPEN
Mar. 23-27 ..... OPEN
Mar. 30-Apr. 3 ..... Pat de Place

Liturgists

- Mar. 1 ..... Rev. Pat Kuhs
Mar. 8 ..... Lisa Cline
Mar. 15 ..... Harriet Hymer
Mar. 22 ..... Ruth Pancoast
Mar. 29 ..... OPEN

Ushers ~ Team #3

Allan Harvey, Captain; Jay Cline; Jim Gilliland; Marjorie Gilliland; Joyce Schmitt.

Chancel Guild

March - Sally Masters, Captain; Helen Bury; Judy Iverson





**Ongoing:** Kay Barrett (Ruth Pancoast's sister-cancer); Wilma Barry; Helen Cade; Roy Christison; Carlene Coddington (friend of Muriel Mullins); Doris Collins (Esther Williams' sister-broken shoulder); Wayne Dawes (friend of Lisa & Jay Cline-waiting for heart transplant); Mary Dison; Dr. Robert Elhammer; Jane King; Robbie Lewis; Roberta McNeill (Janet Martin's mother-in-law/Bob's mother); Nancy Orlea; Audrey Oswalt; Harriet Rauchbach; Catherine Ribbe; Jake Ruder (brain tumor); Karen Schildt; Don Van Pelt; Jim Van Pelt; Nancy Voss; Gary Waller; Nancy Walser; Margaret Ward; Our Nation's President and all elected leaders.

**Recent:** Diane Bales; Joyce Black (friend of George Milner); Sharon Black; Betty Brown; Boma Brown (friend of Tina Amadi-stroke); Jeanne Burke; Debbie Catron (Mary Hardy's friend-cancer); Richard Chapman (friend of Jim Gilliland); John Crook (cancer); Tom Cooper (Doni Duckett's brother-cancer & stroke); Linda Curtis (recovering from surgery for acoustic neuroma - benign brain tumor); Linda Foster (Connie Lovell's sister-surgery); Scotty Geades; Ray Griffith; Frank Hutnike (friend of Judy Laker-lymphoma); Carol Ingram (cousin of George Milner); Dora Jameson (friend of Libby & George Milner); Mary Jane Johnson (Ruth Pancoast's sister; heart problem & liver transplant); Tom Kesler (Bob Kesler's son-cancer); Steve Kirby (cancer surgery); Inez & Deronda Kimberlin; David & Sue Laker (David is Stephen Laker's brother, caregiver of Sue - Alzheimer's); Bill Langford (friend of Judy Laker-lung cancer); Phyllis Lawrence (cancer); Dorothy Loving; Alex McMahon (Eva Cornwell's neighbor-cancer); Jim McHarry (friend of Judy Laker-heart infection/surgery); Marion Maden; Monroe Melzer; Mert Meyer; Jaxson Moles (Hurler's syndrome; great grandson of Nancy Jennings, grandson of Debbie Pruitt); Phyllis Morin; Debbie Mullins; Craig Page (Larken Parr's uncle); Janet Redmon; Colten Robertson (family of Lisa Cline-congenital heart disease); Jayne Robinson (Judy Laker's sister); Taylor Schendel (multiple sclerosis - friend of Harriet Hymer); Harlan Smith (advancing dementia); Barbara Todd (friend of Judy Laker); Nancy & Charles Winchester.

**Military Service:** Nicholas Harvey (Marine Parents: Allan & Lisa Harvey); SFC Thomas Kuchefski (Pat Phillips' nephew); TSgt. Adam Beal (Lois Stevenson's grandson); Billy Jackman (Sharon Huffman's grandson-in-law-Saudia Arabia); John Tanner; Samantha Grimes (US Marines); and all men and women that serve and others on prayer board across from office.



**FPC Inquirers for the Ministry:** Rachel Riggle (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary); James Potts (McCormick Theological Seminary).

**Seminary Students:** Mina Choi (Princeton Theological Seminary); Cody Watson (Johnson University).

### Memorials

**Julia Andrews**-Helen Bury; Mr. & Mrs. George Milner; Mary Thompson; Esther Williams; Leslie & Eva Cornwell; Women's Association of Covenant

**Carolyn Van Pelt**-Mr. & Mrs. Bob Fox; Stephen Glover; Esther Williams

**Aubert Ruth**- In Honor of Marj Welchans, Mr & Mrs. Robert Boesdorfer; F. John & Pam Strahl, III; Rita Adams

**Jean Christson**-Mr. & Mrs. James Anderson; Connie Armstrong; Shelley Ash; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Boesdorfer; Gary & Janice Breece; Carolyn Cary; Thomas & Elizabeth Chamberlain; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crabb; Mary Cully; Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Curtis; Linda Curtis; Mr. & Mrs. Nick de Place; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fox; William Fulton; Mr. & Mrs. William Garrison; Marcia Johnson; Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Laker; Jean Land; Elizabeth Miller; Rosella Newton; Ruth Circle; Glen & Jeanne Scott; Sara Snyder; Diana Szaras; Mary Thompson; Anonymous Donation; Carol Cody; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martin



### General Fund

#### Income & Expense MTD – January 2015

**Beginning Balance:** \$15390.65 \$15390.65

\*Current Income: \$16009.22  
 \*\*Fund Transfers \$20000.00 Endwoment  
 \$13937.46 Memorial

Total Income & Fund Transfer: **\$49946.68**

Total General fund checking **\$65337.33**

Total General fund Expenses (\$53881.90) **(\$53881.90)**

**Balance Forward:** \$ 11455.43 \$ 11455.43

\*Current Income refers to money received during the month from pledges, loose offering, rents, income from outside trusts and misc. donations.

\*\*Fund Transfers refers to budgeted money from the Endowment from earnings and allowable principle. This money is transferred only as needed, approximately quarterly during the year.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Harriet Rauchbach ..... March 1
- Jeff James ..... March 1
- Connor Harvey ..... March 2
- Dan Adams ..... March 3
- Nick dePlace ..... March 4
- Jean Land ..... March 5
- Don Beard ..... March 7
- Jimmy Hopper ..... March 7
- Marj Welchans ..... March 11
- Seth McHone ..... March 12
- Jay Tarr ..... March 13
- Bob Fox ..... March 14
- Joyce DeBoer ..... March 14
- Bill Garrison ..... March 15
- Jean Keefer ..... March 15
- Alex Calton ..... March 17
- Andrew Calton ..... March 17
- Karen Spiralke ..... March 19
- Kelly Aliakhan ..... March 22
- Bob Boesdorfer ..... March 23
- Vanetta Harvey ..... March 23
- Jenifer Bender ..... March 24
- Mary Boggess ..... March 27
- Glee Cumbow ..... March 28
- Niki Royce ..... March 30
- Ruth Pancoast ..... March 31

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Don & Nan Perry ..... March 5
- Jon & Joyce Bruett ..... March 28



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#### Our Winter Sunday Schedule Is:

- Worship: ..... 9:15 AM
- Children's Sunday School ..... 9:30 AM
- Coffee Hour: ..... 10:30 AM
- Contemporary Christian Studies (CCS) ..... 11:00 AM
- Spirit & Truth Worship - Saturday ..... 5:00 PM



THE FLOWERS  
 APPEAR ON  
 THE EARTH;  
 THE TIME  
 OF SINGING  
 HAS COME!

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12, NRSV

Special Thanks to all for your support of the MLK's 2 day celebration. Thanks again and God Bless, Mary Thompson

Golden "K"  
 Kiwanis



In the FPC  
 Gymnasium  
 April 7  
 11:00 AM

### Men's Group Meeting

All men of the church are invited (and feel free to bring a guest!) to gather at 7:30 AM at Charlotte's for coffee, conversation on the topics or news events of the day, prayer, etc. Ideas for other men's church activities can also be discussed. The meeting for this month is Saturday, March 7.

WINTER Office Hours ~ 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Daylight Savings Time  
 Begins  
 March 8, 2015

FAITH LINE -- 444-5999 -- A Voice of Inspiration available 24 Hours

**Calendar for Holy Week and Easter, 2015**

- **No Saturday Spirit and Truth March 28**
- **Palm Sunday, March 29 – 9:15 AM – one service only – the Deacons and Worship Team with the approval of Session have scheduled our church’s Easter season brunch to be held on Palm Sunday following worship and the children’s parade of palms. Children are to meet in the northeast entrance to the sanctuary prior to worship at 9:00 AM to line up for the parade of palms during the opening hymn.**
- **Maundy Thursday, April 2 – 6:00 PM – Time is Tentative – Theme and setting TBA**
- **Good Friday, April 3 – 12:00 Noon – Love, INC Good Friday Community Worship Service – location TBD, but as always, FPC will be represented in the leadership for this annual community event.**
- **Good Friday evening, April 3 – 7:00 PM – Sanctuary – Special congregational hymns and music by the choir as the crucifixion and death of Jesus are recalled. This service is the opposite of an Easter sunrise service in that this worship ends with sunset, darkness, and the closing of Jesus’ tomb after his death.**
- **No Saturday Spirit and Truth April 4**
- **Easter Sunday, April 5 – Approximately 6:00 AM – Easter Sunrise Worship at Cloud Nine at Vermilion County Airport; some are also making plans to go to breakfast afterwards at a local restaurant prior to worship back at the church at 9:15 AM; 9:15 AM – Worship and Festival of the Resurrection – Sanctuary – special music by the chancel choir, proclamation by Pastor Jimmy of the glorious news of Easter, lots of flowers, receiving of the One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering, and the children’s Easter Egg Hunt to follow after worship – inside or outside depending on the weather. Like with Palm Sunday weekend, there will be only one worship service at the church facility – 9:15 AM.**



**A Weekly or Even Daily Prayer as Lent Continues**

Let us pray:

*Prayer: Lord, during this Lenten season, I sense a need to tarry in your presence, yet I am not certain how to nurture my relationship with you. I heard someone say, “Read your Bible,” but too often the words are like bullets that ricochet off my brain. I heard someone say, “Pray,” but many of my prayers, hurled heavenward, fall back to earth like heavy stones. I heard someone say, “Meditate,” but my wandering mind is lost in the chaos of random thoughts. Lord, speak to me through your Word; please let it penetrate my mind and heart. Lord, speak to me through prayer, and turn these stones into the living bread of Christ. Lord, speak to me through meditation, that I may discover, in the midst of chaos, Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.*

**Remember to Put Out Your Yellow Easter Signs!** It is time to put out your church Easter signs in front yards, businesses, etc. to invite our community residents to our Easter service, which this year is Sunday, April 5. Need a new sign or ground stand for your sign? We have plenty here at the church office!



**LENTEN Devotional**



Beginning Sunday February 22 we continue something very special that we added to both worship services for Lent. Like the Advent candles and devotions that are done by families and clusters of good friends each Sunday of Advent, we will be using a crown of thorn-like wreath and candles...5 purple, one red, and one white for Lent. Thank you, Jim Gilliland, for making the beautiful candle holder. Instead of lighting them each week, we will extinguish one each week. Please see Pastor Jimmy or call the office to sign up and be given the readings.

**Lenten Wreath Devotional Leaders Needed**



**Facts and a Prayer About Lent**

Since we are in the season of Lent, please find below some interesting information about Lent as well as a special prayer. The information was obtained from a church newsletter of a congregation Katie and I used to pastor over twenty years ago in Denison, Texas.

Did you know...

...that Lent originally lasted forty hours? It was spent in fasting to commemorate the suffering of Christ and the time He spent in the tomb.

...that, in the early church, Lent was a time to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism, scheduled for Easter Eve?

...that by the third century, the Lenten observance was extended to six days and eventually expanded to forty days (excluding Sundays) in 800 A.D., during the reign of Charlemagne?

...that the earliest Lent can begin is February 5? That last occurred in 1818.

...that the latest Lent can begin is March 10? That won’t happen again until 2038.

...that the day before Ash Wednesday (Shrove Tuesday) is celebrated in many parts of the world with feasting? The French call it Mardi Gras; the Germans refer to it as Fasching. The feasting comes from the custom of using up household fats prior to the 40 days of Lenten fasting when no fat is used.

...that the symbol of the cross, imposed on worshipers’ foreheads on Ash Wednesday, is an outward expression of Christians’ internal desire to dwell in the shadow of the cross where mercy abounds and death is vanquished?

...that traditionally, Lent is a season of reflection, focused on the deep and abiding significance of Christ’s sacrificial love? The prophet Isaiah reminds us that our sins are forgiven as a result of the selfless dedication which led the Suffering Servant to His death. Jesus willingly endured the agony of the crucifixion to atone for our unrighteousness. It is fitting, therefore, to enter Lent with an awareness of our sinfulness and a new sense of appreciation for the sacrifice required to secure our redemption.

**One Great Hour of Sharing to be Received Easter Sunday, April 5**

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find hope for a brighter future.

**Where does the money go?**

36% Presbyterian Hunger Program for ministries working to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes, responding with compassion and justice to poor and hungry people in local communities, in the nation, and throughout the world, as well as ministries addressing homelessness and affordable housing.

32% Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for disaster response and ministries with refugees.

32% Self-Development of People for partnerships with groups of people who are oppressed by poverty or social systems, who want to take charge of their own lives, have organized to do something about their own condition, and have decided what they need to do to produce long-term benefits for themselves.



## From The Desk of the Deacons March, 2015, 6:00 PM

Janet Martin

The Deacons met on February 3, 2015 for the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. We were so happy to see Meghan back after a serious health issue. We love you, Meghan!

Our devotional was based upon scripture found in Matthew 11:25, Matthew 5:7-8.

It was a touching account of a conversation between Jay's niece and great-niece after the death of his mother written by Jay and his wife.

The Deacons received correspondence from a recipient of a Christmas basket. She wrote a touching and emotional thank you. We received another thank you from "Crosspoint At the Y" for the cases of granola bars. Crosspoint recognized First Presbyterian Church for continued years of donations. Microsoft Giving Campaign has received a request for donation to the Christmas Basket program, but needs further information to process the request. Jimmy will supply the information from our Annual Report. The amount will be \$250.

We were pleased to hear that all bills have been paid for the Christmas Basket ministry and the balance in reserve is \$6607.84

Phases of the Moon will not be held at Kennekuk this year. Kolby has called the park office to see if we can reserve our usual September date for the picnic. They will let Kolby know if we can get the date for our picnic. We have already reserved August 23 at the Hideaway, so if we cannot change to September, we still have a date reserved. Thank you, Kolby!

The church clipboards were passed around and the Deacons remarked about the need for others to attend to them when they go into the lounge after Sunday's services! Don't forget to include the food pantry in your food shopping and thank you! Prayers were offered for several of our church family who are going through difficult times.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2015 at 6 PM

## Youth Group and Adult Weekly Bible Study Meetings Continue During March

Youth and adults continue their Sunday evening gatherings - unless otherwise noted or announced during Sunday worship - at 5:30 PM. Please note the time and schedules for March elsewhere in the newsletter calendar and in the listing of youth events. A pizza supper and refreshments are enjoyed by all ages followed by the youth meeting together and the adults meeting for Bible study with Pastor Jimmy.

For adults unable to attend on Sunday evenings, the Bible study portion from Sunday nights is repeated by Pastor Jimmy on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. The adult study continues its journey in the book entitled, *Jesus is the Question*.

## Pastor Jimmy's Travel Schedule During March

With various calendar and scheduling responsibilities, Pastor Jimmy arranged with the church office and Personnel Team to take his end of the month trip to Pennsylvania during the first week of March! He will be in the pulpit each Sunday during March; and, each Saturday except for Palm Sunday weekend when there will be only one service. Pastor Jimmy will then return to the last week of the month for his Pennsylvania travels the last week of March but will return for Palm Sunday and the annual Easter brunch. Also, Pastor Jimmy will be helping to convene the Salt Fork Region of Presbytery's meeting in Champaign/Urbana Thursday, March 12; and he also is a member of Presbytery's Personnel Committee and will be in Effingham for its spring meeting Tuesday, March 17.

## New Greeter Scheduler Has Volunteered

Many of you may not have known that one of the many things our late church member, Carolyn Van Pelt, did was schedule the greeters who shake hands with the worshipers as they arrive each Sunday morning. We can now say, **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! to Margaret Crabb** who has answered God's call to do this task that benefits and enhances our Sunday worship ministry. Interested in being a greeter one or two Sundays a year or more? Talk to Margaret, add your name to the sign-up sheet, give her a call or leave her a message through the church office.

## Session Highlights for February 2015

February 2015 Session meeting opened with Prayer, lighting the Christ candle and hymn.

### Quorum declared

**Clerk's report** approved for January 2015.

**Clerk's minutes** approved for January 2015. The clerk's minutes will be reviewed June 21, 2015.

**Correspondence:** A) Thank you from Casa for office space. They are leaving 3/1/2015 for other accommodations. B) Thank you from Martin Luther King Celebration Committee and notice that DeJa Echols, a Schlarman Academy senior, received the MLK Scholarship. C) Inez & Deronda Kimberlin are thankful for prayers, Christmas basket and visits.

**Commissioner to Presbytery** – Libby Milner – The Southeast Presbytery had the annual meeting and ratified several amendments proposed by the PCUSA General Assembly in 2014. For a list of those amendments please contact Libby Milner and she will share them with those interested.

**Treasurer Report:** Report approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Church related team meetings and staff meetings; MLK activities; 2 confidential office visits; 7 nursing home & private home visits; Clyde Meachum's funeral; prospective member visits, 4 hospital visits and weekly Bible studies and preaching preparations rounded out a full month.

**Devotion:** *Becky France* – Psalm 100:1 and selected verses from Ecclesiastes 3. "*Make A Joyful Noise.*"

### Team Reports:

There were no action items. The new sign will be finished in about 2 weeks according to WatchFire and it will be installed shortly thereafter. The "*King's Choraliers*" will present a concert on February 27. Now that repairs are complete at the **Retreat Site**, preparations are under way to publish a brochure. Yard signs for **Easter** will be available in March. Notices will be placed in the newspapers regarding the **Bremer Ministry Scholarship** in the next 2 weeks. **Suitcase drive** is under way for Catholic Social Services – consult members of Christian Ed/Outreach for more details. **Exercise class** continues in the gym on Monday nights. **Internet Service** is now available from the North end classrooms and Nursery to the sanctuary. **F.E. Moran** will be providing the alarm system for the Church building and the Retreat Site. The **Endowment/Investment Oversight**

**Team** and any members of Session & Finance team will meet March 24 at 10:30 AM for a teleconference with Joy Gruber, our investment advisor. That meeting will take place at the First Midwest Bank, 27 N. Vermilion, Danville, Illinois. The **Gatherers Group** is working on an appeal to the church family to raise funds for the final phase of the organ renovation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully, Harriet Hymer, Vice Clerk of Session

## Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Event Calendar for March:

**Sunday, March 1 — 5:30 PM** – Supper and Group activities

**Sunday, March 8 – 5:30 PM** – Supper and Group activities

**Sunday, March 15 – 5:30 PM** – Supper and Group activities; Mission Trip Planning

**Sunday, March 22 – 5:30 PM** – Supper and Group activities

**Saturday, March 28** – Help set up for Easter Brunch?

**Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday – 9:15 AM** – Help with Children's Parade of Palms in worship; afterwards, help with Easter Brunch in Gym; **2:00 PM** – Leave for Peoria for Winter Jam

## Church Phone Tree

One of the most recent communication ministries for within our church family is the Church Phone Tree – with a recorded voice message via phone to the phone number you have listed for yourself or your family in the church directories. The message is usually from Pastor Jimmy and concerns either an upcoming special event in the life of the church or the church year calendar or a closing/cancellation due to weather, etc. *A couple of things you need to know concerning this ministry, especially if you have not received a voice mail from Pastor Jimmy for a special church reminder or announcement:* **a)** *The church office might not have your most recent phone number so please verify this with the church office so your number can be added or updated on the Phone Tree Call List;* **b)** *When your phone is called by the Phone Tree, Caller ID will show the number which is: 1-800-679-0847- this may resemble a telemarketer type number so you might want to post the above number near your phone so you can identify when the Phone Tree is contacting you with an announcement.* ☺

**Sign Up to Donate Chancel Flowers**

The flowers that grace the Chancel Area each Sunday are donated by church members in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary.

**The 2015 flower chart is on the counter in the office. On Sundays, the flower chart is located on the buffet in the parlor.**

The cost is \$30 per bouquet and the bouquet may be taken for your own use after the service or it will be given to a shut-in.

For questions, please call Sheila in the church office, or Libby Milner at [libby99@comcast.net](mailto:libby99@comcast.net) or 474-9385.

