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FPC Meetings

- Mar. 1 6:00 PM Deacons
- Mar. 2 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting
- Mar. 7 5:00 PM Gatherers Group Meeting
 5:30 PM CE/Outreach Team Meeting
 6:00 PM Facilities Team Meeting
- Mar. 8 6:00 PM Personnel Team Meeting
- Mar. 10 5:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Mar. 13 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**
- Mar. 14 5:30 PM Communications Team Meeting
 6:30 PM Finance Ministry Meeting
- Mar. 15 5:30 PM Officer Training
 6:30 PM Session
- Mar. 20 **PALM SUNDAY**
- Mar. 21 **CHIMES DEADLINE**
- Mar. 24 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service
- Mar. 25 **OFFICE CLOSED**
 **GOOD FRIDAY**
 7:00 PM Good Friday Service
- Mar. 27 **EASTER SUNDAY**
- Mar. 29 6:30 AM Sunrise Service at Cloud Nine Airport
 12:30 PM Fold Chimes

POST IT NOW!

Classifieds

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

VAN DRIVER NEEDED!
We are in need of a driver for the Saturday service and a fill-in driver for Sunday's. See Pastor Jimmy.



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 the church office.



Dr. Jimmy's Spiritual Rx: "Twice Mine – Eternally Redeemed!"

Suggested Scriptures: Psalm 8 & 1:1-3

As much as we preachers would like to come up with something new or profound or different in proclaiming the good news of Easter, it really comes back to the basic and simple news of our being redeemed by God from slavery to sin and death which, according to Scripture, is the result of our choosing to "go it alone," without God. What is even more tragically ironic about humanity's decision is that even when we realize our mistake, we cannot achieve restored communion with God on our own, even though our original desire was to go it alone.

The concept of redemption in the Old Testament is based on a Hebrew word, *Goel*, meaning to take or buy back. It was understood in the Law of Moses that if a poor person was forced to sell part of his property or himself into slavery, the nearest of kin could step in and "buy back" what his relative was forced to sell (Leviticus 25:48). The kinsman redeemer was a rich benefactor or person who frees the debtor by paying the ransom price. "If a fellow countryman of yours becomes so poor he has to sell part of his property, then his nearest kinsman is to come and buy back what his relative has sold" (Leviticus 25:25; cf. Ruth 4:4, 6).

Four things were required in order for a kinsman to redeem: He must be near of kin. (Leviticus 25:48; 25:25. Ruth 3:12-13); He must be able to redeem (Ruth 4:4-6) and must be free of any calamity or need of redemption himself; he must be willing to redeem (Ruth 4:6ff); and, redemption was completed when the price was completely paid (Leviticus 25:27; Ruth 4:7-11).

Subsequently to be redeemed by God in Jesus Christ not only means freedom from slavery to sin and death, but also that we belong to God again – who made us in His own image and to whom we first belonged. This means that **Jesus Christ is my *Goel*** because *Jesus is our nearest kinsman through the incarnation being God with us; being the Son of God, Jesus has the power to redeem us; because Jesus is the imprint and reflection of the will and love of God, he is willing to redeem us; and finally, Jesus has paid the price in full and I have received my redemption.*

"Twice Mine:"

So let's take a look at a popular story Katie reminded me about recently, of the little boy who built a sailboat. He built the sail and had it all fixed up, tarred and painted. He took it to the lake and pushed it in hoping it would sail. Sure enough, a wisp of breeze filled the little sail and it billowed and went rippling along the waves. Suddenly before the little boy knew it, the boat was out of his reach, even though he waded in fast and tried to grab it. As he watched it float away, he hoped maybe the breeze would shift and it would come sailing back to him. Instead he watched it go farther and farther until it was gone. When he went home crying, his mother asked, "What's wrong, didn't it work?" And he said, "It worked too well." Sometime later, the little boy was downtown and walked past a second hand store. There in the window he saw the boat. It was unmistakably his, so he went in and said to the proprietor, "That's my boat." He walked to the window, picked it up and started to leave with it. The owner of the shop said, "Wait a minute, Sonny. That's my boat. I bought it from someone." The boy said, "No, it's my boat. I made it. See." And he showed him the little scratches and the marks where he hammered and filed. The man said, "I'm sorry, Sonny. If you want it, you have to buy it." The poor little guy didn't have any money, but he worked hard and saved his pennies. Finally, one day he had enough money. He went in and bought the little boat. As he left the store holding the boat close to him, he was heard saying, "You're my boat. You're twice my boat. First you're my boat because I made you and second you're my boat because I bought you!" So whenever we think we are not worth much, just remember what God thinks of you. He thinks you're His. Twice His! First, you're His because, because like Psalm 8 says, He made you in the first place! And second, you're His because He bought you on the cross. He paid a price to redeem you. The price was purchased at Calvary and the receipt was stamped "Paid in Full" on Easter morning. The Lord is risen indeed!

Thanks be to God and love in Christ for a blessed Holy Week and Easter Sunday; 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. Your donations of food are touching the lives of many people. **Meats & Toiletries such as Bath Soap, Shampoo,**

Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, etc. are needed every week. The Deacons wish to thank you for your generosity.

- Mar. 6 Meat/Vegetables/Boxed Meals With Meat
- Mar. 13 Fruit/Meat/Pancakes/Syrup/Velveeta Cheese
- Mar. 20 Boxed Cereal/Oatmeal/Spaghetti/Sauce/Meat
- Mar. 27 Meat/Boxed Meals With Meat/Beans/Rice

Circle Meetings

Tuesday, March 8 ~ Ruth Circle will meet at 10:30 AM at the church.

Thursday, March 10 ~ Rachel Circle will meet in the Boardroom at 9:30 AM.

Thursday, March 24 ~ Lydia Circle will meet on Thursday, March 24, 2016, at 2 PM, at a location to be determined.

Greeters

- Mar. 6 Virginia Stewart & Jean Quick
- Mar. 13 Nick & Pat de Place
- Mar. 20 Susie Townsley & Margaret Crabb
- Mar. 27 George & Libby Milner

Meals on Wheels

- Mar. 4 Mary Hardy
- Mar. 11 Nancy Boesdorfer & Joyce DeBoer
- Mar. 18 Dale & Claudia Ferrell
- Mar. 25 Mary Thompson

Cookies

- Mar. 6 Nancy Boesdorfer & Nancy Grimes
- Mar. 13 Eva Cornwell & Amy Iverson
- Mar. 20 EASTER BRUNCH
- Mar. 27 Meghan Verkler & Judy Iverson

Coffee Hour

- Mar. 6 Nancy Grimes & Bill Garrison
- Mar. 13 Eva Cornwell & Nancy Boesdorfer
- Mar. 20 EASTER BRUNCH
- Mar. 27 Bob & Judy Iverson

Flowers

- Mar. 6 OPEN
- Mar. 13 OPEN
- Mar. 20 OPEN
- Mar. 27 OPEN

Flowers to Shut-Ins

- Feb. 29–Mar. 4 George Schildt
- Mar. 7–11 Nancy Boesdorfer
- Mar. 14–18 Mary Thompson
- Mar. 21–25 OPEN
- Mar. 28–Apr. 1 OPEN

Liturgists

- Mar. 6 Bev Royce
- Mar. 13 Lisa Taylor
- Mar. 20 Eva Cornwell
- Mar. 27 Helen Bury

Ushers ~ Team #3

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

Chancel Guild

March - Bobbie McHone, **Captain**; Pat de Place; Claudia Ferrell

Women's Luncheon

A Women's luncheon will be held Saturday, April 2 at noon in the church lounge. Lunch is \$10 per person. Please see Virginia Stewart to sign-up. Guest speaker will be Judge Joe Skowronski. Please join us for an afternoon of fun and



This Week's Prayer Needs: Helen Bury; Debra Huckelby; Eric Meek (Milners' neighbor's son); Jean Land; John Drews; Pastor Trent Cloin (bladder cancer – Lisa Cline); Dale Ferrell; Wilma Thomas; Jeff James; Jean Keefer; Karen Schildt; Simra Alam (2 years old); Bob Kesler; Andrew Phillips; Larry Whitaker

Ongoing: Diane Bales; Kay Barrett (Ruth Pancoast's sister–cancer); Wilma Barry; Jennifer Bender; Mary Carter (friend of the Milners); Richard Chapman (friend of Jim Gilliland); Roy Christison; Carlene Coddington (friend of Muriel Mullins); Linda Curtis; Wayne Dawes (friend of Lisa & Jay Cline–waiting for heart transplant); Mary Dison; Dr. Robert Elghammer; Ray Griffith; Carol Ingram (cousin of George Milner); Dora Jameson (friend of Libby & George Milner); Mary Jane Johnson (Ruth Pancoast's sister; heart problem & liver transplant); Garnet Kanouff (Kelly Whitehair's sister–mastectomy surgery); Jane King; Deronda Kimberlin; Pat Kuhs; David & Sue Laker (David is Stephen Laker's brother; caregiver of Sue–Alzheimer's); Robbie Lewis; Jim McHarry (friend of Judy Laker–heart infection/surgery); Alex McMahan (Eva Cornwell's neighbor–cancer); Roberta McNeill (Janet Martin's mother-in-law/Bob's mother); Monroe Melzer; Bob Miller (friend of Carol McLinden–cancer); Debbie Mullins; Nancy Orlea; Audrey Oswalt; Connie Kelly-Preston (Pastor Katie's aunt–esophageal cancer); Harriet Rauchbach; Catherine Ribbe; Jayne Robinson (Judy Laker's sister); Jake Ruder (brain tumor); Grover Seitzinger; Harlan Smith (advancing dementia); Barbara Todd (friend of Judy Laker); Julie Tyndall (daughter of Jackie Bean–cancer); Nancy Voss; Tom Wagner; Gary Waller; Nancy Walsler; Nancy & Charles Winchester; Marjorie Young; Military Personnel.

FPC Inquirer for the Ministry: James Potts (McCormick Theological Seminary).

FPC Candidate for the Ministry: Rachel Riggle, M.Div. (Intern at FPC, Columbia, MO)

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



General Fund

Income & Expense MTD – January 2016
Beginning Balance: \$13986.07 \$13986.07

*Current Income:	\$19961.32	
**Fund Transfers	\$20000.00	Endowment
Total Income & Fund Transfer:		\$39961.32
Total General fund checking		\$53947.39
Total General fund Expenses	\$36720.33	\$36720.33
Adjustment for incorrect posting 2015		\$509.22
Balance Forward:	\$17736.28	\$17736.28

*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.

**Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Event
 Calendar for March**

- Sunday, March 6 — 5:30 PM** – Dinner and Group activities and practice for Annual Dinner Theatre on Sunday, April 17
- Sunday, March 13 – 5:30 PM** - Supper and same activities as March 6
- Saturday, March 19** – Help set up for Easter Brunch
- Sunday, March 20 – 9:15 AM** – Help with Children's Parade of Palms and Attend and Help with Easter Brunch in Gym Following Worship
- 5:30 PM** – Supper and same activities as March 6 and 13
- Easter Sunday, March 27 – 9:15 AM** – Easter worship and then help set up and lead the children's Easter Egg Hunt following worship



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Harriet Rauchbach March 1
- Jeff James March 1
- Nick dePlace March 4
- Jean Land March 5
- 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
- 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



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
March 15
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 5.

WINTER Office Hours ~ 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM


Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 13, 2016

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

Calendar for Holy Week and Easter, 2016:

■ **Palm Sunday, March 20 – 9:15 AM – one service only (no Spirit and Truth on March 19.)** We have again scheduled our church's Easter season brunch to be this year 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, March 24 – 6:00 PM** – Details to be announced in Sunday worship bulletins – Theme: "Lenten Tables."

■ **Good Friday evening, March 25 – 7:00 PM** – Sanctuary – special 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 and the closing of Jesus' tomb after his death. Music for this service is from a Cantata entitled "Who Is This King?"

■ **Easter Sunday, March 27 – 6:30 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.*

(No Spirit and Truth Service this Weekend on Saturday, March 26)

One Great Hour of Sharing to be Received Easter Sunday, March 27

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.

**LENTEN Devotional**

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 one more 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

We continue something very special that we added to both worship services for Lent. Like the Advent candles and devotions that are done

**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.

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, March 27. Need a new sign or ground stand for your sign? We have plenty here at the church office!

**Pastor Jimmy's Travel Schedule During March**

With various calendar and scheduling responsibilities, Pastor Jimmy again this year 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 following Easter Sunday.

Session highlights for February 2016

Session meeting on February 16, 2016 opened at 6:35 PM with lighting of the Christ candle, prayer, and singing of “Amazing Grace.” A quorum was declared.

Clerk’s report was approved. There were minutes from the previous session meeting. Clerk Libby Milner read correspondence received by the church. The Martin Luther King celebration committee thanked FPC for its contributions and support of their efforts. Love INC thanked the church for its donations.

Treasurer’s report was approved by Session.

Pastor’s report was approved. Pastor Jimmy listed the community ministry, hospital and nursing home visits, home visits, funerals, prospective member contacts, continuing education, and service to the denomination done in the past month.

Devotional. Lisa Taylor presented a devotional about “Vicious Cycles” in our lives and how we need to turn to God, who loves us.

Team reports. The monthly reports from the various ministry teams were accepted. Highlights that were discussed or approved by Session include:

- From the **Worship Team** – Pastor Jimmy said he has received the software for the new Hymn books. The Worship Team is looking for a date to bring in a Christian singer. He/she would perform in the Gym and it would be part of the “Spirit and Truth” service.
- From **Christian Education/Outreach Team** – Session approved use of the curriculum of “Christian Family Tree” for the CCS class.
- From **Facilities Team** – A new handicapped parking space has been added to the area near the back door. Facilities Team on March 7 will be discussing the report on repairs and renovations needed to the boiler. Anyone with knowledge of heating systems or ideas about the boiler is invited to attend. It will be at 5:30 PM in the board room.
- From **Finance Team** – Session approved a new check signature card. Jim Anderson, Libby Milner and Paula Spietersbach will be authorized to sign checks.
- Minutes from **Deacons** were accepted. The church picnic will be August 28, 2016 at the Hideaway in Kennekuk Park.

New Business – The Session gave its blessing to the members of the new Focus Team. The members are Karen Schildt, Matt Smiley, Josh Compton, Rick Welchans, Bob Iverson, Nancy Grimes, Joseph Lecuyer, Lisa Taylor, Pat Tarr, Jeanne Burke and Diana Szaras.

The Session meeting was concluded with prayers. Session was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully,

Bob Iverson, Vice Clerk of Session

Transportation for Holy Week Events, Easter Sunday and

Parking on Easter Sunday, March 27

1) If you would like a ride to any of the events during Holy Week - including Maundy Thursday, March 24 at 6:00 PM, Good Friday Tenebrae Worship with the Choir in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM, as well as Easter Sunday, March 27 at 6:30 AM – Sunrise Service at Cloud Nine (Airport) & 9:15 AM in the sanctuary – please call the church office at 442-0541 so arrangements can be made with transportation in the church van – pick up or take home. **2)** The Session and Communications Team are also making their annual request for any worshippers who are able on Easter Sunday to park in places other than the church parking lot and walk from these other locations to the church to enable more space for potential visitors and for those who are unable to walk long distances.

Adult Bible Study Schedule During March

We are still making our way through the book, *The Mighty Acts of God*. A meeting schedule for the Bible Study during March for Sunday evenings and Wednesday mornings is found below:

Sunday evening, March 6 – 5:30 PM

Wednesday morning, March 9 – 10:00 AM

Sunday evening, March 13

Wednesday morning, March 16

Sunday evening, March 20

Wednesday morning, March 23 – No meeting – Holy Week

Sunday evening, March 27 – no meeting, Easter Sunday

From the Desk of the Deacon’s

The Deacons would like to thank you for your support of our mission through your gifts of time and money. Your support is always needed and appreciated. Your Deacons have been keeping busy the last month with the food pantry and restocking. Please remember to bring to the church canned or dry boxed food products for our continuing mission to feed the hungry in our community. If you forget to bring the food to church the Deacons will always accept cash or checks so that we can purchase food staples to supplement the food that we receive from the Bloomington Food Bank. Speaking of the food bank, help is needed to unload the the church van and trailer when it returns from Bloomington Food Bank at about 1:00 PM on the the first Friday of the first full week of the month. The next date will be March 11. So if you have 30 to 40 minutes to spare on Friday afternoon, your help would be greatly appreciated. Did you know that the clipboard was invented by a Presbyterian minister from Danville, Illinois in 1896. His name was the Rev. Cotton Armtwister and he stood 6 ft. 3in. and 300 plus pounds. He was very good at persuading his congregation to volunteer but not so good at remembering who volunteered to do what. He tried making a list on scrap paper but that did not work out so well. It seems he never had a desk handy to place the paper on, so he would jot the name down using the volunteer’s back as support. Ever try using a quill ink pen to write on someones back? There can be lots of unfortunate situations arise such as issues with soiled shirts and involuntary tattoos. He needed something portable and strong enough to support writing material. Being a resourceful man, he came up the idea of combining a board for support and mouse trap to hold the paper to the board. After some adjustments and several bloody fingers, the clipboard was invented and became a great Presbyterian tradition as a way to record a volunteer’s choice on how to make the world a better place to live in through service to their church. Speaking of clipboards, there are 7 or 8 of them in the office or out on the tables during coffee hour that desperately need people to sign them. Whatever your talents are, there is a clipboard with a job that you can do. Please help the church do the work of the church and support National Clipboard Day.

In Christ’s Service, Kolby Riggle

Memorials

Isabel Baxter – Michael McMillen

Agnes (Scotty) Gades – Wilma Barry; Laurel Bodine; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Boesdorfer; Jeanne Burke; Helen Bury; Linda Curtis; Rosemary Curtis; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fox; Phyllis Harris; Betty Hinton; Paul Horsfall; Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Laker; Carol & Lynn McLinden; Mildred Riggle; Carolyn Walser

Church Phone Tree Reminder

One of the 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 – like Holy Week and Easter later this month – 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 ☺

Souper Bowl Sunday Offering Results

This year’s total collected for the Deacon’s offering on Sunday, February 7 plus donations to the Youth Soup Lunch after the annual meeting that same day was \$405.00, all for the Deacon’s Food Pantry ministry. This total was added to the national Souper Bowl Web Site which as of this writing (Feb. 24) was between \$9 million and \$9.5 million!

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 2016 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 or 474-9385.



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