

1st Presbyterian Church of Greenfield, Indiana



February 2011

From The Pastor:

February 5, 2012 is the day that the city of Indianapolis has been waiting for ever since it was awarded the Super Bowl by the NFL in 2008. Four years to prepare and get the city ready; four years to spruce up downtown and the east side neighborhoods. Now, the day is almost here. Some people are “zipping around” downtown seeing the sights. Others are spending a small fortune to get a hotel or motel room. Still others are leaving town to get away from the crowds and to rent out their homes to visitors.

February 5, 2012 is also the day we will collect can goods and money for the “Souper Bowl of Caring,” an event our youth group has been promoting for several years. Bring change (or bills) and put them in the soup pans that the kids will be holding at the end of the service. Bring your can goods for the food pantry box located just inside the South Street entrance to the church. Support the fight against hunger in our community in any way you can.



Of course the Souper Bowl is not the highlight of the month, there are two others

First: the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 19th, followed by a pitch-in will be exciting and filled with surprises.

Second: The first Sunday in Lent is on the 26th. Speaking of Lent, we are trying to create our own Lenten Devotional this year. We ask that you take a book from the Library in the basement, read it, and write a short one-paragraph devotional based on what you read. If you want, also add a prayer that those who use the devotional can pray as well. These need to be in to the church office or e-mailed to Jean Garvey or Pastor John by February 11th. Jean's e-mail address is: jig1144@comcast.net, and Pastor John's is: jpaulson7@comcast.net We will put it together and try have it available by the 19th. Feel free to do two or three devotions, we need forty total!

Have a wonderful month. Enjoy God's wonderful world, accept God's wonderful forgiveness, and share God's wonderful, amazing, grace!

See you in church,

Pastor John

**CHECK OUT THE RENOVATED LIBRARY
IN THE BASEMENT
ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE KITCHEN
THANKS TO THE GARVEYS!**

ATTENTION ALL SESSION MEMBERS

The February Session meeting is
Thursday, February 9 at 6 p.m.
for Session Meeting and
Church Officer Training

MENS' BREAKFAST

Men's breakfast will be held on
Saturday, February 4th at 8am.
All men are welcome.

LETTER FROM THE ELDER OF THE MONTH – Susan Terheide

Thoughts from the newest elder:

Peace....what a wonderful idea! It is something we all need, but do we really experience it? Sometimes I wonder. Life is so very chaotic. Worries surround me, and my family's varied schedules have us whirling around our various counties seemingly at high speed. There are things to plan for in the not-to-distant future. It doesn't help that the news is filled with conflict around the world and here in the US.

Have you been listening lately? There are conflicts nearly everywhere in the world. At home, we're in the throes of political debate (dare I say conflict) over many topics, even within political parties. Each faction seeks to be heard and each is convinced that they are the only one who is right. Judgmentalism, nay intolerance, seems to be the trend in today's society. No room for peace? Yes, there is peace – through the love of God!

I was reminded of that this week. I must say that I am grateful to the two Bible study classes that I've attended over the past week or two. Together they have provided me with some valuable reminders. First was the idea that right thinking is "a matter of habit." Further we were asked to think about what directions our thoughts lead; toward the light (God) or toward darkness and bitterness (death). The time must have been right because these thoughts really hit home for me. I remembered Sarah urging me to take "a deep calming breath!" to calm a tirade. Rachel, too, has said, "It's okay Mom. No big deal." or simply "Happy, happy, happy". These actions support the notion that one's attitude can be changed. What a concept?! What a way to get a big lesson from one's own daughters! Anyone who knows me knows how much I love to learn. I didn't, however, expect learning to come from my children! Changing one's mindset seems such a simple thing to do. It is in the attempt to change a poor attitude, that one sees the difficulties. How can we change? Isn't it just too much trouble and energy to change?

No, for the power to change comes from a reliance on the strength of God. Like many people, I have dipped into the Psalms, but never undertaken to read them all. What I have missed became apparent by the 3rd and 4th Psalms. Therein lay my answers. With all the turmoil surrounding us, with chaos within our own minds, there is peace to be found in knowing

God is with us. King David, beset with rebellion by his own son, chased by the tens of thousands who sought to kill him, slept soundly for "thou, oh Lord, art a shield for me, and the lifter up of mine head" (Ps. 3:3 KJV). And again, "I will both lay me down in peace and sleep: for thou Lord only makest me dwell in safety" (Ps. 3:3 KJV). Sometimes it takes one (or even two) statements, that so nicely sum up an idea to smack me in the head, at just the right time to get my attention. One can change one's bad mindset, leave turmoil in God's hands, and sleep.

It doesn't mean I've totally changed. After all, I have to reform a *habit*. However, one step at a time and the first step has been taken!

And, for the record, how about this one? "Unbelievable debt, forgiven by God!" That is Grace! God's Grace and peace to you.

Susan Terheide

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays

2/01	Jeff Hott
2/04	Anne Bogigian
2/04	Sue Cozatt
2/06	Thomas Warner
2/08	Betty Willard
2/10	Katherine Harper
2/10	Dwayne Opel
2/14	Dennis Smith
2/15	Salli Williams
2/20	Dennis Whitson
2/25	Eric Hersberger

February Anniversaries

None that we know of

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY
Bob and Gloria Stansifer

Elder on Call for February
Mark Gunnoe 313-5580

Char's



What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this,
O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that
caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross
for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross
for my soul!

It is amazing to me how quickly time moves on. Our Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year celebrations have come and gone for another year! Liturgically, for the first few weeks during the month of February, we are in the church Calendar year known as Ordinary Time. February brings to mind-the word LOVE! We see valentines, red hearts, flowers, and candy in the stores. These all serve as reminders to us that we need to show others our love and affection.

On a much deeper level, when we think of the word LOVE-it brings to mind the love that Jesus showed to each of us on his journey to the cross. On February 22, Ash Wednesday, we will be entering the forty days of Lent. Lent is a time for reflection. Our focus should be on repentance and the forgiveness that the Cross of Calvary can bring to our lives through the acceptance of the sacrifice of Jesus' love that paid for our sins.

What Wondrous Love is this! That a man named Jesus-laid down his life for his friends! In forgiveness we can better love ourselves, each other, and Our Lord-Who gave his LOVE to us!

The Choir is beginning preparation for our Easter Cantata entitled: Behold! God's Holy Lamb. There is still time to come and be a part of the choir. The cantata will be presented on Easter Sunday, April 8th during our 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

As Always, Keep a Song in your heart.

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ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
January 1	48	\$ 2,297.81
January 8	37	\$ 1,451.78
January 15	44	\$ 300.75
January 22	39	\$ 1,133.56
January 29	43	\$ 360.78

We also were reimbursed \$ 1,923.25 by our insurance company for elevator repair bills that we previously paid.

MISSION

Westminster Christmas Box

You may have noticed the boxes next to the TV in the Selman Room for collections. Your Session decided that it would be easier to leave the boxes out all during the year instead of trying to have a short-term collection period just before Christmas.

We are collecting underwear on a continuing basis all year. If you see some on sale, buy it and bring it in. We will hold it for the Christmas program at Westminster.

STEWARDSHIP

Per Capita

All Presbyterian churches pay Presbytery a Per Capita Tax for each member the local churches have on their rolls. This money is used to support Presbytery and Synod. This year we will send \$ 32.78 for each member on the rolls of First Presbyterian to Presbytery for them to distribute further.

Many members chose to make a contribution of this amount per member to ease the financial burden on our operating budget. If you put a donation of \$ 32.78

for each member in your family, please mark it as Per Capita so Hazel can give you proper credit on your record of giving. The total Per Capita for our church is over \$2,700 this year, so any contributions will be appreciated.

STRING THERAPY

On January 14, 2012 the ladies of First Presbyterian church met for their first sewing group. Of course, the word 'sewing' is a misnomer because there were many different crafts and skills represented in this group including knitting, crocheting, quilting and conversation. We opened with a prayer. Snacks were prepared by 2 group members. There were eight members of the congregation having a good time fellowshiping and working at the same time.

We decided to meet the third Saturday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Of course you can come as you go if as you wish. We also want to welcome

friends, neighbors, and those members of the community who have any interest.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 18 at 10:30 a.m.
See you there. Susan Hensley

Coffee Hour Sign Up

There is a 2012 calendar in the Selman Room kitchen to sign up for coffee hour following worship on Sunday mornings.

Coffee Hour is supposed to be a time of fellowship. Just a little food like cookies, punch and coffee to get the conversations started would be perfect, but it really is up to you.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Will be held on Sunday, February 26 right after worship. Following the meeting, we will have a pitch-in in the church basement.

SESSION LEADERSHIP FOR 2012 (Team leader is listed first)

Stated Clerk	Shirley Johns
Fellowship	Jean Garvey
Admin and Finance	Dennis Whitson, Susan Terheide
Personnel	Mark Gunnoe
Buildings and Grounds	Katherine Harper and Deon Hersberger
Communications	Katherine Harper and Deon Hersberger
Evangelism	Deon Hersberger and Julie Chandler
Christian Education	Deon Hersberger and Katherine Harper
Fellowship	Jean Garvey and Sallie Williams
	Sallie Williams to chair Riley Days 2012
Mission	June Paterson and Julie Chandler
Pastoral Care	Pastor John
Worship	Susan Terheide and Mark Gunnoe
Commissioners to Presbytery:	
Saturday Meetings	Katherine Harper
Weekday Meetings	Susan Terheide
Alternate:	Deon Hersberger
Church Treasurer	Frank Chandler
Moderator of Session	Pastor John

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30pm Bible Study 5 pm Youth Group 7 pm Choir Practice	2	3	4 8am Men's Breakfast
5 COMMUNION 9:15 Adult S.S. 10:30 Worship SOUPER BOWL OF CARING	6 4-9pm Tri Kappa	7 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 5:30-7pm GS Mtg	8 CHILI DAY! 5:30pm Bible Study 5 pm Youth Group 7 pm Choir Practice	9 Session Meeting 7 PM	10	11
12 9:15 Adult S.S. 10:30 Worship	13 5:30 – 8:00pm GS Mtg	14 Valentine's Day 9:30 a.m. Bible Study	15 5 pm Youth Group 5:30pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir Practice	16	17	18 9:00 a.m. Women's Group 10:30 am String Therapy Group
19 Annual Congregational Meeting and pitch in following worship 9:15 Adult S.S. 10:30 Worship 11:45 Pitch In	20 4-9 pm Tri Kappa	21 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 5:30-7pm GS Mtg 7:15-9pm GS Adult Service Team	22 5 pm Youth Group 5:30pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 First Sunday In Lent 9:15 Adult S.S. 10:30 Worship	27 5:30 – 8:00pm GS Mtg	28 6-9pm GS Adult Service Unit	29 Leap year! 5 pm Youth Group 5:30pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir Practice			

