

1st Presbyterian Church of Greenfield, Indiana



January 2012

Happy New Year!

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From the Pastor,

The first snow of the season fell yesterday making everything look fresh and new again. That's the way the world should look as we start a brand new year.

It is a new year, a brand new clean slate. An opportunity to change, to renew, to start fresh.

Speaking of new, the Bible is full of references to "newness." Here are a few:

We read in **Isaiah** about things being new: "See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you." And, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

In **Second Corinthians**, Paul tells us: "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

In **Revelation**, John had a vision of a "new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or

mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Jesus gave us the ultimate message about new starts and new opportunities when he told us, in **John 3:3**: "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

Of course, as Nicodemus found out, Jesus didn't literally mean being physically born for a second time, he meant the complete change of attitude and life-style that comes when we accept Christ into our lives and promise to follow Jesus' commandments of loving God and loving our neighbors.

When we do that, we are new people, with a new outlook and a new way of looking at the world.

Starting the new year gives us a wonderful opportunity to take another look at the promises we have made to God in the past. The promises we made when we were confirmed or when we joined a church as adults, or when we were ordained as elders.

Those promises to love, honor and obey God and to serve God by serving others have a major impact on how we live our lives.

Get the new year off to a great start. See you in church January 1, 2012!

See you in church,

Pastor John

**ATTENTION ALL
SESSION MEMBERS**

The January Session meeting is
Thursday, January 12th at 7 p.m.



Char's

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”-Jill Jackson, Sy Miller

“Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant
to be.

With God as our Father, Christians all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.”

“Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace
eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.”

Can you believe another year is dawning? 2012 is just
beginning! This is the time of year for our “New
Year’s resolutions!” This year I’m going to do it! I’m
going to shed those extra pounds! I’m going to walk
that mile every day! What we are really saying is that
we are going to strive to better our health; so
something good for ourselves. That’s awesome! Can
we do something good for ourselves to better our
“Spiritual Health” as well?

God can speak through music to each one of us in his
own way. Where words fail, music speaks. Perhaps
one of your New Year’s Resolutions could be to join
with me in praying for our choir that we will continue
to be a blessing and glorify God through song.

Please remember our “MUSIC BOX” located in the
back of the church. Remember to put the names of
your favorite hymns, choir numbers, and musical
selections in the box that speak to your hearts. I will
play these “favorites” during the preludes, offertories,
and postludes during the upcoming year. In addition,

your “favorite” choir numbers can also be repeated
from time to time as well.

May God richly bless each one of you throughout the
New Year.

Char 

GREETERS FOR January –

Tom and Carole Bloodgood

Elder on Call for January

Mark Gunnoe – 317-313-5580

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

	Attendance	Offering
November 27	Attendance 48	Offering \$1118.80
December 4	Attendance 44	Offering \$1298.50
December 11	Attendance 39	Offering \$2290.00
December 18	Attendance 49	Offering \$ 414.00
December 24	Attendance 63	Offering \$ 188.00
December 25	Attendance 38	Offering \$6849.59

Joy offering	\$ 188.00
Special contribution	\$ 5652.59
Regular offering	\$ 6318.30

**In order to meet our budget, our monthly
offering needs to be a bit over \$ 7,500.**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

January Birthdays

1/08 Susie Circle
1/08 Emma King
1/09 Frances Hibray
1/12 Bob Bogigian
1/18 Tom Bloodgood
1/25 Roy Hibray
1/26 Jeanine Bray

January Anniversaries

1/04 Frank and Julie Chandler
1/30 Frank and Betty Willard
1/31 Mark and Robyn Gunnoe

MENS' BREAKFAST

Men's breakfast will be held on January 7th at 8am. .
Mark Gunnoe will be serving and providing
devotions. All men are welcome.

Youth Group News

Our Youth Group will continue our journey
through the Bible on Wednesday nights at 5 p.m.

The youth decided to donate part of their funds
to the Hancock Hope House and the Hancock County
Food Pantry.

We start our meetings with dinner every
Wednesday night. Hot dogs, tacos, fried chicken, etc.

If you would like to prepare dinner for our
youth, please contact Pastor John or Jill Lyon. We
have between 4 and 8 youth and adults every week.

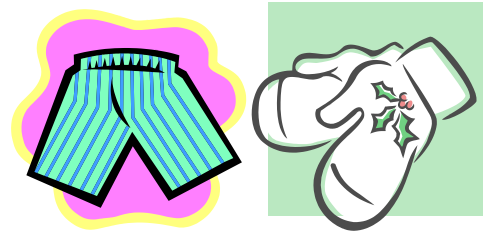
See you in Youth Group

Pastor John

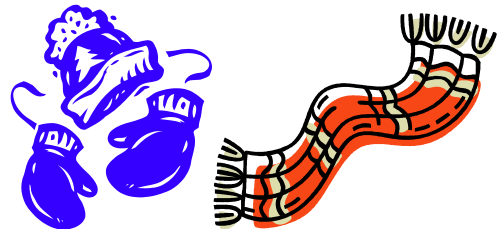
WOMEN'S MEETING

The women will meet on Saturday, Jan 21 at
9am. All women are welcome to join in
fellowship.

WESTMINSTER GIFT BASKETS



*Starting January 2012
A BOX WILL BE LOCATED
IN THE SELMAN ROOM
YEAR ROUND!
THIS WILL GIVE EVERYONE
AN OPPORTUNITY TO
DONATE WHENEVER IT IS
CONVENIENT!!!*





THE STRING THERAPY GROUP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do you knit, crochet, embroider, quilt, or have a special craft you would like to share? Or, perhaps you would like to learn!! Come join us on the first & third Saturdays of the month at the First Presbyterian Church of Greenfield @ 10:30 am.....***We will have our start-up meeting on the third Saturday of January, 2012 (21st)***bring your talents and crafts! Be ready to share with others the gifts that God has given to us!

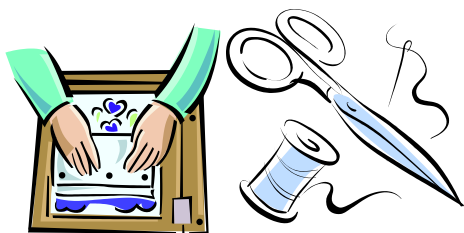
Here are some ideas.....

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a way for people to share their gift of knitting and turn their hobby into a mission. There is also a crochet pattern. The prayer shawls will be given to people of all ages in our community to remind them that they are loved and remembered in prayer by those at First Presbyterian. Each shawl is blessed and prayed over by those involved in this ministry.

Melva Smith would like to complete a small quilt that she has been working on. Melva was involved in the creation of the large quilt in our sanctuary! I am sure she will inspire you.

For more information call:

Susan Hensley	317-462-3103
Katherine Harper	317-461-1669
June Paterson	317-326-3528



Family Game Night

We will be having a fun night on Friday, January 14th . At 5:30 pm we will have a pitch-in dinner. Sloppy joes will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. After our meal we will be playing games. Some games will be available, but please bring any of your favorites.

Last Youth Group Meeting of 2011



Skating Pros!

Getting warm before hitting the ice



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Communion 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 10:30 Worship	2	3 9:30 a.m. Bible Study	4 5:30pm Bible Study 5 pm Youth Group	5	6	7 8am Men's Breakfast Food – Mark Devotions – Mark
8 9:15 Adult S.S. 10:30 Worship	9 5:30 – 8:00pm GS prep and meeting	10 9:30 a.m. Bible Study	11 CHILI DAY! 5:30pm Bible Study 5 pm Youth Group 7 pm Choir Practice	12 Session Meeting 7 PM	13	14 Family Game Night & Pitch-in Dinner 5:30pm
15 9:15 Adult S.S. 10:30 Worship	16 4–9pm Tri Kappa	17 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 5:30-7pm GS Mtg 7:15-9pm GS Adult Service Team	18 5 pm Youth Group 5:30pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir Practice	19	20	21 9 am Women's Group 10:30 am String Therapy
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