

MARIETTA, OHIO

Our Vision

“By the grace of Jesus Christ, we will strive to share the Good News with the world, to nurture each other in our faith and to go into the world sharing Christ’s love and mercy.”

February 2012

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Packet Deadline
Third Friday every
Month

Souper Bowl of Caring

Feb. 5, 2012

Youth will be standing at the exits with soup pots asking for donations of \$1.00 or more for the Marietta Food Pantry
You may also donate cans of soup and place in the boxes at the back in the church or in the hall near the Wooster Stree stairs

Soup and Chat

Sunday, Feb 5, 2012

immediately after church
fellowship hall

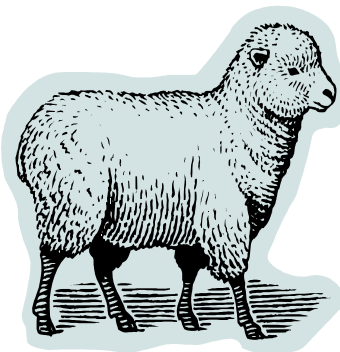


sponsored by the youth of the church
in conjunction with the
"Souper Bowl of Caring"

All donations will benefit the Marietta Food Pantry

Shepherding Sunday Luncheon

Sunday
February 12, 2012
After Worship



Church potluck
and
Ash Wednesday Service

February 22, 2012
6:00 pm Potluck in fellowship hall
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
in the sanctuary

Presby Packet

My Dear Friends,

The season of Lent in the life of the Church begins on February 22 with Ash Wednesday and culminates in Holy Week, with Easter on April 8. During this season of the Christian calendar, the church in joy and sorrow, proclaims, remembers, and responds to the atoning death of Jesus Christ. Lent is a penitential season as we reflect on the human condition, our sinfulness, and God's activity in Jesus Christ to renew human life. The church wears purple during this season, as a sign of penitence and preparation.

The Lenten season will begin at First Presbyterian Church with an Ash Wednesday Potluck Dinner, at 6:00 p.m. on February 22, followed by a Service of Worship with the imposition of ashes, at 7:00 in the sanctuary. All in our church family are invited to begin the holy season of Lent together with this supper and special time of worship.

The Lenten season continues with our traditional Wednesday evening Manna meals and study time, continuing each Wednesday evening through April 4. Holy week begins with Palm Sunday on April 1, and we will observe Maundy Thursday, April 5, with worship and the Lord's Supper at 7:00 in the sanctuary.

Lent can be a very important time for all of us as we take up special spiritual disciplines that enable us to grow in faith and discipleship or as we take up a new time of service by reaching out to others. I invite you to join with others of your church family in keeping a holy Lent through these times of fellowship, study, and discipleship.

Shifting gears, I want to catch you up on some important work in the life of the church.

In September the congregation elected Kathryn Hartline, Jim North, Rick Peoples, and Richard Ratzlaff as elders serving in the Session Class of 2014. Mike Elliot, Marla Hoerst, Peggy Malcomb, Nancy McCartney, and John Scheve were elected to serve as Deacons in the Class of 2014. They were installed to office on Sunday, January 22, and now assume the mantle of leadership in and for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and we are looking forward to their leadership in the life of the church.

When these new officers were installed, others were completing terms of service, which included an additional six months of service as we transitioned from June installations to January installations. They have all served the Church well and we are most grateful for their leadership during this interim period. Those in the Class of 2011 rotating off of the Session were Dottie Erb, Jim North, Rick Peoples, and John Spear and off the Board of Deacons were Carolyn Barnes, Mike Elliott, Marla Hoerst, and Jane Laing. We thank them for their hard work and their dedication!

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues its work, engaged in the process of determining whom God might be calling to serve as the next Pastor of First Presbyterian Church. They have completed the important work of preparing the Church Information Form (CIF), which will represent our church to candidates for the position and are awaiting its approval by the presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM). Please continue to keep the members of the PNC (Ann Stewart, chair, Marion Kim, Jim Lawson, Kevin Malcomb, Gary O'Brien, Emily Schuck and Barb Wieferich) in your prayers as they go about the important task of discerning where God is leading them.

I am grateful for the continuing life of this church family and I pray that each of us will experience a holy and meaningful season of Lent.

Shalom!
George

Stated Session Meeting Minutes 1-10-12 p.1

Elders present: Jerry Anderson, Jerry Brock, Gary Brown, Nan Cervantes, Gary O'Brien, Cathy Piekarski (clerk), Gail Reynolds, Dave Rogers, Kathryn Hartline (elder-elect), Richard Ratzlaff (elder-elect)

Elders excused: Dottie Erb, John Spear

Also present: The Rev. George Spransy, moderator; **PNC members:** Jim Lawson, Marion Kim, Barb Wieferich, Ann Stewart (chair), Kevin Malcomb

After the moderator called the stated session meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., Nan Cervantes offered devotions and prayer. A quorum was present. The clerk reported that church membership is 259.

The 12-13-11 session minutes were approved as written, and the 12-6-11 deacon minutes were received.

ACTION ITEMS

1. After session members commended the PNC for outstanding work, a **Motion** to approve the PNC's CIF (Church Information Form) with the understanding that the general presbyter clarify how to fill out the years of experience section was **Approved**.
2. **Motion** to release \$2,000 from the B&A Endowment Fund to help purchase a defibrillator (AED) for the church was **Approved**. Gary O'Brien secured a very good price for the church.
3. **Motion** to approve the church's 2012 Challenge Budget was **Approved**. The attached budget includes a 3% increase for non-exempt staff (Bonnie Schmidt, Bob Gray, Peter Sour) and \$2,000 to Muskingum Valley Presbytery for its mission. The 2012 budget has been published as information in the 2011 Annual Report to be distributed on 1-22-12.
4. **Motion** to approve Dick Murdock as Church Treasurer and Cathy Piekarski as Clerk of Session for the year 2012 was **Approved**.
5. **Motion** to approve the moderator's vacation beginning June 2, 2012, including two Sundays (June 3 and June 10), was **Approved**. Session also approved his being away on April 15, to preach at his former church in Clemmons, NC.
6. **By consensus**, Session approved Nan Cervantes as commissioner to the stated presbytery meeting on March 10, 2012, in Coshocton, Ohio. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. In addition to the stated meeting, Dr. Terry Wardle will speak on formational prayer.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. The moderator welcomed Kathryn Hartline and Richard Ratzlaff to the session. Both will be installed (Kathryn also will be ordained) during the January 22, 2012 worship service, along with Jim North and Rick Peoples. Nancy McCartney will be ordained and installed as a Deacon. Mike Elliott, Marla Hoerst, and Peggy Malcomb will be installed. John Scheve will be installed when he returns from Florida.
2. The PNC shared the CIF prepared to describe this church's pastoral needs, mission, strengths. Session agreed that PNC members had captured the church's needs, spirit and distinctness. The PNC reported great camaraderie.
3. Session discussed church members' per capita responsibility. The per capita amount for each church member is \$26.74, and each member is asked to write a check to the church for this amount. Finance agreed to help publicize the cost and the use of per capita funds. (The \$6.63 that goes to National helps pay for the Church Leadership Connection that enables PNC's to match church needs to pastors who have filed a PIF (pastor information form).
4. The deacons need people to prepare/host Sip & Chat. Session agreed to help host.

After a motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m., the moderator closed the meeting with prayer. The next stated session



Alternative Giving Catalog

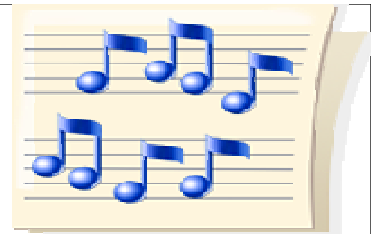
Alternative giving is the replacement of traditional gifts of material items with a contribution to a charity in the recipient's honor. Alternative giving is used by individuals or groups to recognize, honor or memorialize persons at a special time in their lives, such as Christmas giving, birthdays, graduations, weddings, honor roll, special achievements or death. It is the sharing of our abundance with those less fortunate or who are victims of natural or manmade disasters.

The Mission Commission is planning a new alternative giving catalog to educate, advocate and promote the local, Presbytery/Synod, national, and international charities of our local congregation and the Presbyterian Church USA. The first step is to determine which causes will be included in the catalog, and the commission would like your input. If you have a favorite cause that you would like to see included, please e-mail Nan Cervantes (chair) at nncrvnts@yahoo.com or call the church office.

**Thank You.
Mission Commission**

Musical "Notes"

On Sunday, April 1, at 7:00 pm we will be presenting Faure's *Cantique de Jean Racine* and *Requiem*. Choir rehearsals will start on Sunday, February 5, and every Sunday from 3 to 5pm. Please come and be a part of these glorious works!



Faure composed his Requiem between 1887 and 1890. There were three versions of this glorious and introspective work. The original version is the smallest, five movements in length. Faure scored the second version in 1893. In 1899–1900, the score was reworked for full orchestra. There is some question as to whether this was the work of Faure himself or one of his students. It was the best known version until John Rutter rediscovered Faure's original manuscript of the second (chamber orchestra) version in Paris in the early 1980s.

We will be performing this edition, however; a completely definitive edition will remain as elusive as a completely definitive edition as Handel's *Messiah*. (Note: the above information is listed in the Requiem, Op. 48, edited by John Rutter, in the Editor's Preface.)

Additional information is listed on the Bulletin Board by both entrances to the Church.

Sharing Our Legacy

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” – Proverbs 3:9-10

While the numbers for 2011 are not yet in, charitable giving rose in 2010 for the first time since 2007. Charitable giving recovered somewhat in 2010 but experts are predicting that this past year still presented challenges for churches and other nonprofit organizations. When the recession started in 2007 it was followed by the biggest decline in giving in more than 40 years. If giving were to continue to grow at the same pace as it did in 2010, it would be five to six years before it reached its 2007 peak.

Giving by individuals like each of us account for the bulk of total charitable giving. Our individual giving to churches and other nonprofit organizations surpasses giving by companies and philanthropic organizations.



We all know how valuable the gift of hope is. During these difficult times, our responsibility is to look past our own financial challenges and still reach out. The reasons to give haven't changed but are even more relevant now. So we encourage you to remember First Presbyterian's Endowments, Special Funds and Memorials as well as any local organization you care about and find a way to give – your community will be better for it for years to come.

At First Presbyterian Church the endowments are overseen by the Endowments, Special Funds and Memorials Commission. All gifts are examined by the Commission to determine the wishes of the donor, and if there are any restrictions on its use. Once the determination is complete, the information is placed into the Endowments and Special Funds notebook and the monies invested or otherwise placed into a secure account. The information consists of a minimum; the name of the endowment, its purpose, any restrictions, and any reporting requirements to the estate (if so structured). The Endowments and Special Funds notebook is kept in the church office along with application forms to allow access to applicable funds.

For legacy and endowment information, questions, or comments, please contact John Miller, Endowments, Special Funds and Memorials Committee Chair at jmiller@ksifa.com, or speak with any of our members including Jennylou Brock, Gary Brown, Matt Evans, Allan Norris, Gail Reynolds and Laura Zeller.

If at any time you would like to meet privately at home or at church with a couple of Committee members to discuss your own desire to leave a legacy plan, just let us know. We'll be glad to meet with you to answer any questions you may have privately and show you how easy it is to establish your own legacy plan.

February 2012

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 10:30—Evangelism and Discipleship 5:00—Westminster Bells 6:00—Manna 7:30—Choir	2 6:00—PNC 7:00—AA	3	4 8:00—Men's Fellowship 9:00—AA
5 Communion "Soup and Chat"	6 6:00—B & Adm. 7:00—Deacons	7 12:00—Endowments Meeting 7:00—Calligraphy	8 10:00 - PEO 5:00 - Westminster Bells 6:00—Manna 7:30—Choir	9 5:30—Stamp Up 6:00—PNC 7:00—AA	10	11 8:00—Men's Fellowship 9:00—AA	
12 Shepherding Luncheon	13	14 7:00—Session	15 1:30—Book Club 5:00—Westminster Bells 6:00—Manna 7:30—Choir	16 6:00—PNC 7:00—AA	17 Packet Due	18 8:00—Men's Fellowship 9:00—AA	
19	20 Office Closed 10:00—Mom's Club 12:00—PW Meeting	21 5:00—Book Club 6:00—E.V.E., Inc. 6:15—Worship & Music	22 11:00—PEO 6:00—Manna Potluck 7:00—Ash Wednesday Service	23 6:00—PNC 7:00—AA	24	25 8:00—Men's Fellowship 9:00—AA	
26	27	28 6:00—AA Potluck 6:30—Missions Meeting	29 5:00—Westminster Bells 6:00—Manna 7:30—Choir				



Guest speaker for
Manna
February 15, 2012

On February 15, Becky Wright will present an overview of her trip taken to Turkey during the summer of 2010. She will focus on 3 areas of Turkey: Istanbul, the interior part of the country and the seaport of Bodrum. She will also show pictures of Biblical frescos and mosaics. The program will begin at 6:30 pm following 6:00 dinner. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the foot of the stairs if you plan on eating with us.

Mark Your Calendar

January

Congregational Meeting 29

February

Soup and Chat 5

Shepherding Sunday Lunch 12

Lent Begins 22

6:00 — Manna Potluck

7:00 — Ash Wednesday

Service with

Communion and

Imposition of Ashes

March

Gifts of Women Sunday 4

Daylight Savings

Time Returns 11

April Holy Week Begins 1

Palm Sunday

8:00 — Bunny Breakfast

7:00 — Concert

Maundy Thursday 5

7:00 — Communion Service

Good Friday 6

Noon — Community Service

Easter 8

7:00 — Sunrise Service

**10:15 — Easter Service
with Communion**

February Birthdays

Marion Kim	1
Jerry Brock	3
Roger Brown	4
Melanie Schreiber	4
Jim Warner	4
Nan Cervantes	5
Issac Nayak	9
Sally Norton	9
Irma Stewart	9
Betty Hurte	10
Jessica Schuck	10
George Spransy	12
Scott Wiferich	12
Doug Anderson	14
William Ormiston	14
Allison Schumaker	15
Irvin Lawton	16
Patty Stewart	16
Rustin Funk	17
Susan Schreiber	19
Jeff Hammons	20
Jacob Norton	21
Joe Hoerst	22
Carla Darling	23
Carman Donnelly	23
Peggy Malcomb	24
Sophie Evans	25
Charles Hampton	27



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10:15 am

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PACKET

MARIETTA, OHIO

Our Stewardship for 2011 through December 2011

Income:

Pledges:	\$224,369 (102% of budget)
Miscellaneous:	\$18,194 (94% of budget)
Total:	\$242,583 (101% of budget)

Expenses: \$254,681 (100% of budget)



Per Capita for 2012 is \$26.74 (see related information in the Session Minutes)