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*"Therefore, humble yourselves under God's power so that he may raise you up in the last day." –CEB*

*1 Peter 5:6*

Wed., February 18

Sun., February 22

Wed., February 25

Sun., March 1

Wed., March 4

Sun., March 8

Wed., March 11

Sun., March 15

Wed., March 18

Sun., March 22

Wed., March 25

Sun., March 29

Thur., April 2

Fri., April 3

Ash Wednesday Service 7pm

1st Sunday in Lent 10:30am

Wednesday Night Lenten Service 7pm

2nd Sunday in Lent 10:30am

Wednesday Night Lenten Service 7pm

3rd Sunday in Lent 10:30am

Wednesday Night Lenten Service 7pm

4th Sunday in Lent 10:30am

Wednesday Night Lenten Service 7pm

5th Sunday in Lent 10:30am

Wednesday Night Lenten Service 7pm

Palm Sunday 10:30am

Maundy Thursday 7pm

Good Friday Service @ First Mennonite 12p



*"The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work, among them all." –CEB*

*Acts 4:33*

Sat., April 4

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday

Sun., April 5

Easter Breakfast 8:00-10:30am

- hosted by the Boy Scouts

Easter Sunday Service 10:30am

-with flowering of the cross



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# PASTOR CHRIS' CORNER



The months of February and March may seem like a time for spring. But, the calendar continues to tell us that it is winter, at least until the date of March 20th, where spring officially begins. Some of us enjoy the season of winter; the beauty that it brings across the landscape of the earth.

Others meanwhile, may wait with eager anticipation for the spring showers. Some of us prefer having the heat up as high as it can go while waiting out the winter. Some of us thoroughly enjoy the cold as we open our windows on these brisk nights to get a sense of freshness about the room. To me, that is the true beauty of seasons and wonderment of God: the ability to create four very different times of the year that suits the tastes and preferences of so many unique people.

Understanding these different seasons and the varied tastes of people that experience them, it is no wonder then, that some of us gain more energy at night, while others are early-risers. Many people have an introverted personality, while another contingent attains energy from being around others as opposed to having it drained. The point is, each and every one of us is wired differently, have different personalities, and ride along the ebbing and flowing river of life in different ways, which is great. Yet, this can make it complex when trying to offer support, advice, or love to someone else. We do not always know how they might react, how they may take our words or our actions, or what someone truly enjoys. Meaning, there are many reasons seasons exist in nature, and there are many reasons church seasons also exist. They exist to give us rhythm, to give us reasonable goals and signs of hope to look forward to, and to help us mark our present and past with vivid and clear memories. Seasons are a fact of life, and seasons are important to life.

If you will notice on the cover of this month's newsletter, the Lent heading has a picture of a "spring" bush on one side, and the same bush with snow representing "winter" on the other. Coinciding with that is the Lenten theme of both "forgiveness and renewal". The upcoming church season of Lent is a time just for that. A time for us to reflect and repent from what sins we have committed, what wrongs we have enacted, or what mistakes we might have made. This is particularly the case when others have been hurt, physically, emotionally, or mentally in the process. Now then, God is pleading, for us to come to Him, and come and ask for forgiveness. While at the same time we are being encouraged to look toward the hope of new life, new opportunities, and new chances that we will be given to make different, and more positive choices, and to even take different paths. Therein is where our renewal lies. Remember, just because we are forgiven, it does not mean we will not need to ask for it again in the future. Most assuredly, that time will once again be upon us. Yet, like all the times prior, we can also look to the continual and eternal hope in which God provides.

## From the Choir Director



Debi Thorpe



It is no secret that I love winter, the snow and ALL things Christmas...particularly Christmas movies. I love the movies so much that I am still watching them well past January.

One of my favorite Christmas movies, Elf, contains a scene that is especially dear to me and I watch it over and over. In it, Santa stands up to congratulate the elves on a job well done at Christmas and tells the elves that as a way to celebrate their success, they can begin preparing for next Christmas – the elves pause and then the entire room erupts with cheers of joy.

I feel much like those elves, now that Christmas is over, all of us in the choir get to start working on music for the upcoming year, and we can't wait!

Our music ministry gives us joy and we have so much fun learning new music and preparing for worship. We would love for you to join us and share in that joy – No experience necessary and you won't even have to travel to Santa's Workshop at the North Pole!

In Christ,  
**Debi**

## Presbyterianism 101



### The Book of Order – G-2.01 Ordered Ministries Of The Church –

*G-2.0101 – Christ's Ministry*

The Church's ministry is a gift from Jesus Christ to the whole Church. Christ alone rules, calls, teaches, and uses the Church as he wills, exercising his authority by the ministry of women and men for the establishment and extension of God's new creation. Christ's ministry is the foundation and standard for all ministry, the pattern of the one who came "not to be served but to serve" (Matt. 20:28). The basic form of ministry is the ministry of the whole people of God, from whose midst some are called to ordered ministries, to fulfill particular functions. Members and those in ordered ministries serve together under the mandate of Christ.

### The Book of Confessions -The Westminster Confession of Faith – Chapter XXIII – Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day 6.116

5. The reading of the Scriptures with godly fear; the sound preaching, and conscionable hearing of the Word, in obedience unto God with understanding, faith, and reverence; singing of psalms with grace in the heart; as, also, the due administration and worthy receiving of the sacraments instituted by Christ; are all parts of the ordinary religious worship of God: besides religious oaths, and vows, solemn fastings, and thanksgivings upon special occasion; which are, in their several times and seasons, to be used in an holy and religious manner.

# Up To Date with Committees & Groups



Don't forget the library is accepting any good/used Christmas items for the 2015 sale.

Thank-you,  
Tammy and Nancy



## NEWS FROM PW

Come join our regular get togethers!

**SARAH CIRCLE** - Lunch is at Raimondo's at 11:30. We will meet at the church at 12:30 for a brief business meeting and then our bible study. All women of Grace are invited. Meets 2nd Thursday of the month.

Next dates: February 12 and March 12

**LUNCH BUNCH** - Come have lunch at Glenbrook Mall Food Court on the last Thursday of the month at 11:30 am - All are welcome!

Next dates: February 26 and March 26

**CANCER PAD SEWING** - Come join the women in putting together cancer pads for Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. A simple stitch is all that is needed. Anyone can come help with this great mission. Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00am.

Next dates: February 18 and March 18

See Evelyn Brunnegraff if you would like to join us or have any questions.  
(424-2804)



Classes have begun – Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 10:30. Please remember that if FWCS has a delayed start or closes, there will be no 3B that day. 3B is the chance for you to get moving, especially in these winter months when many want to just curl up and do nothing. Come, check us out. You really are missing a good time.



The Mission Team has voted to donate all funds raised by our annual Lenten Folder Offering to the United Faith Presbyterian Food Bank. Folders will be available soon in the Narthex. Thank-you.



Church Women United will host World Day of Prayer and Praise on March 6. The theme is: Jesus said, "Do you understand what I have done for you?" The time is 1:00 p.m., and the place is Calvary United Methodist Church, 6301 Winchester Road. Reservations are due Feb. 26. For more information or to register contact Pat Morrison or Vivian Allen.



Church Staff Relations (CSR) would like to welcome Pat Morrison to the committee. For your information, the other members are Holly Bouthot, Bonnie Geist, Deb Zimmerman, Pastor Chris Kirwan, and Tammy Menkes, chairperson. Please see one of us if you have any comments, concerns, or suggestions.

## Committee and Group Meetings for 2015



Choir—every Thursday 6:30pm  
Music Director, Debi Thorpe

Christian Education—meet as needed  
Chairperson, Cathy German

Church Staff Relations—Thurs. after session  
Chairperson, Tammy Menkes

Congregational Life—2nd Sundays 11:30am  
Chairperson, Congregational Life

Evangelism—to be announced  
Chairperson, Laurie Howard

Finance—Tuesdays before session meetings  
Chairperson, Stacey Monnier

Property—meet as needed  
Chairperson, Jon Wolf

Session—3rd Sundays 12noon

## Other Groups at Grace

3B Class—Every Mon, Wed, Thu 10:30am  
Art Class—Every Tuesday 9am & 1pm  
Boy Scouts—Every Monday 7pm  
Cub Scouts—Every Tuesday 6:30pm  
FW Church of Christ—Every Sunday 1:30pm and Wed. 7:00pm  
Women's AA—Every Sunday 6:30pm

## Sunday School/Bible Study

Coffee & Christ—Sundays 9am  
Friendship Bible Study—Thursdays 2:30pm  
Retired Men's Bible Study—Wed. 10:30am  
Sarah Circle Study—2nd Thursday 12:30pm  
Sunday Mornings with Peggy—Sundays 9am  
Sunday School—Sundays 9am  
Toddler Class—Sundays 9:30am  
Wired Word—Sundays 9am  
Youth Class—Sundays 9am



- ◆ On December 14 a spirited group of Grace singers gathered to visit some of our Home Centered members. It was a blessing for us to have the chance to share stories and sing our favorite Christmas Carols. We all had a great time and are looking forward to caroling again next year – I hope you'll join us! (Pictured left with member Don Foland)

- ◆ The children's Christmas Pageant was December 14. Children of all ages participated. The youth group were readers and wise men. The older children were shepherds, angels, inn keepers, and Mary and Joseph. Our littlest children were animals.

Special thanks to all of the adults who helped!



- ◆ Sunday School children enjoy music time with teacher, Cathy German, before worship on Sunday.



## A BIG THANK YOU—

to Dennis Allen & John Current for the countless volunteer hours they spent installing our new kitchenette area. The entire project, including labor and materials, was donated with the lone exception being the counter tops. The savings was in the thousands. All appliances were donated, as well.



## UPDATED KITCHENETTE—NICE!



THANK YOU TO ALL who participated in the Grace Kitchen Shower on January 25th. The kitchen now has many newer and working items for easier cooking and food preparation. If you still would like to help, there is a Main Kitchen fund to be used for new equipment and renovation or see Tammy for any smaller items still needed for the kitchen.

*Presbyterian Women*

## *Congratulations to the newlyweds—Mr. & Mrs. Schneider!*

Member, Allison Zimmerman & Steve Schneider were married on Saturday, December 27, 2014 @ Grace Presbyterian Church.



# MEMBER UPDATES



## New Address:

◆ Nick & Angie Barchak  
5210 Millwright Place  
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

## Temporary Address:

◆ Margaret McBride  
Adams Heritage (Rehab)  
12011 Whittern Rd., Room 212  
Monroeville, IN 46773  
260-623-6440 ext. 2122

◆ Jean Swigart  
Heritage Park Rehab  
2001 Hobson Road, Room 907A  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

## Baptisms:

◆ Charlotte Marie Jacobs - 11/23/14  
(Parents: Carl & Cherie Jacobs)

◆ Chloe Leah Wilson - 12/21/14  
(Parents: Rai Wood and Jason Wilson)

## Marriages:

◆ Allison Zimmerman & Steve Schneider -  
12/27/14

## In Memory:

◆ Dorothy Lovan— died 12/5/14  
◆ Hattie Springer - died 1/5/15



## In Touch with Our Home-Centered Members

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Bill & Madge Zion #485-5353  
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Fort Wayne, IN 46835

## DECEMBER/JANUARY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



December 7	92	January 4	53
December 14	115	January 11	83
December 21	90	January 18	74
December 24	82	January 25	77
December 28	56		



February 11, 1989	Paul and Phyllis Wilkie
February 12, 1954	Harry & Connie Stucky
February 16, 1985	Aaron and Cindy Bowers
March 17, 1996	Jon and Mila Wolf
March 21, 1999	Jeff & Lauren Widmann



Feb. 01	Amanda Neumann
Feb. 02	John Current
Feb. 04	Teresa Licari
Feb. 05	Marjory Leas
Feb. 07	Bryan Boggess
Feb. 07	JoAnn Getts
Feb. 07	Robert Morell
Feb. 08	Don Bosse
Feb. 10	Lois Walsh
Feb. 10	Karen Doehrman
Feb. 15	Kelli Neumann
Feb. 19	Kyle Howard
Feb. 21	Harley Allen
Feb. 23	Aaron Bowers
Feb. 25	Damian Polk
Feb. 27	Tom Monnier

March 01	Larry Gouker
March 05	Peggy Mahoney
March 05	Harry Stucky
March 08	Judy Bellis
March 09	Becky Barnett
March 16	Norman Getts
March 20	Mary Neumann
March 22	Diana Eller
March 22	Ashton Lyons
March 23	Max Achleman
March 25	Hanna Barchak
March 28	Rev. Laura Sherwood
March 29	Karla Polk
March 31	Dorothy Holsworth





- Thank you to Deb Zimmermann for the new wreaths, ribbons and other touches that made our church look so nice during the Christmas season.

*Tammy Menkes*

- Thank you to John and Nancy Current for the new Christmas tree for the Narthex. Did anyone else notice the changing colors of the lights?

*Tammy Menkes*

#### A Thank You to Grace

When Grace was putting together a committee to search for a new pastor, I volunteered to be a part of the group. What a journey it was, the committee had a unique blend of church members, and we became a close group, wanting to find the perfect match, the one in a million who could bring new life and lead this church into the future. It was quite the process, of reading hundreds of resumes, still looking for that diamond. I also, took another journey; I was asked to be an Elder. At first I said NO, I've heard the rumors. But, after some thought I called and said if it's not too late, I would love to be an Elder and take the journey with the new pastor. What an experience it has been, I have met with such passionate people who take the job of Elder to their very heart and soul. These people care about the church and all the members, hoping to give them the very best we have to offer.

My term as Elder has come to an end, but what a spiritual journey it was. I grew a lot in faith, and found out things that I hold dear. And we found that diamond we were looking for in Pastor Chris. I thank the congregation, Worship Committee and the Elders for making my journey such meaningful one.

*Dot Gilbert*



Welcome to our new elders and deacons—  
Laurie Howard, Bill Werling, Al Creager,  
John Current and Nancy Current.

#### Session Elders

(class of 2015)

Cathy German  
Beth White  
Jon Wolf

(class of 2016)

Dennis Allen  
Norman Getts  
Tammy Menkes

(class of 2017)

Laurie Howard  
Stacey Monnier  
Bill Werling

#### Deacons

(class of 2015)

Ken Mahoney  
Pat Morrison  
Pam Shannon  
Jill Werling

(class of 2016)

Harley Allen  
Dan Ankney  
Holly Bouthot  
Diana Eller

(class of 2017)

Al Creager  
John Current  
Nancy Current

### MISSION TRIP DONATIONS NEEDED FOR COMPASSION VISIT

Grace will again be sending a Mission Team to El Salvador with Habitat for Humanity and to visit our Compassion

International Center and take gifts to the children we sponsor.

Todd and Grace German will leave on Friday, March 13 and return on Sunday, March 22. There are a number of costs that need to be paid during the visit (transportation, translators, food for the families, etc.) If you would like to make a donation, please give it to JoAnn Getts, or see Todd or Grace if you have questions. Thanks!





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[Join us Sunday, February 1, 2015](#)

Once again Congregational Life is providing a warm winter fellowship event providing a variety of home-made soups for all to enjoy. Please sign up to bring a dessert or salad to make the meal complete! Sign up is located in the narthex or call the church office. See you there!