







FIRST PRESS



May all who come behind us find us faithful.

February 2009

February's Images

- > Eyes 
- > Breath/Wind 
- > Sea 
- > Door/Gate 

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From the Pastor:

It has been quite a winter so far: snow, rain, ice, cold, and wind, we've had it all. My outlook is that you can't complain about the weather this time of year, this is how winter is supposed to be in Central PA. This is the former Californian in me embracing our winter weather. I did have friends from CA move east, they lasted 3 years then had to move back, couldn't handle it: wimps.

Having said that, I have noticed that our winter weather can wear us down. We can become colder, more brittle, discouraged, depressed. The medical professionals call it "Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)." Throw in our crumbling economy and it could be a very

SAD (pun intended) winter.

The church is well equipped to combat or reduce this "SADness". Gathering with others for an uplifting event, a worship service, can be very encouraging. Being able to share what you are feeling is very helpful; one of our fellowship groups is the ideal and safe place to share your struggles. The church, in proclaiming the goodness of God, points us beyond our current circumstance and gives us hope and assurance that God loves us and will deliver us from our current trials and tribulations. The Old Testament, especially the Psalms, is filled with powerful reminders of God's faithful deliverance. If God repeatedly

delivered the Israelites from their oppressors how much more so will He deliver us from our current despair! If you are feeling the effects of this long-dark winter (weather and economy) don't withdraw from your involvement in the church, renew it. Take the opportunity to depend on God and to lean on your sisters and brothers in Christ. Turn to God's word for hope and God's people for support. Come talk to me about joining a fellowship group. It is my prayer that God use this winter to be a positive turning point in each of our lives.

Jim



Vacation Bible School
June 22-26 2009



Celebrations



- 2 - Kyle Santorine
- 3 - Charles North
- 5 - Barbara Stahl, Margaret Randall, Alex Paulus
- 6 - Wanda Einsig
- 7 - Irene John
- 8 - Larry Fletcher, Kassie McTammany
- 9 - Grace Schwab (104yrs. Old), David Campbell,
Leslie Mutschler
- 10 - Pat Ringkamp
- 13 - Kevin Ringkamp, Allison Middernacht,
Landon Metzger
- 14 - Mark Davies, Helga Savidge
- 15 - Emily Fisher
- 20 - David Shrom, Justin Sabo
- 21 - Barb Lawton, Heidi Zimmerman, Rob Tarves
- 23 - Marcia Thomas
- 24 - Kirsten Paulus
- 25 - June Hoyle, Seth Ziegler Jr., Sara Barth
- 26 - Robert Gronlund, Louise McCormick, Carolyn Lilly,
Brandon Reid, Maddie Paulus
- 27 - Marian Fletcher, Bryan Speake, Samuel North
- 28 - John Lilly, Tom Morgensen, Chet James,
Andrew Fox, Jaelyn Taylor



2 - Roger & Nancy Curran celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary

4 - Gene & Bea Heid celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary

13 - John & Amy Tirpak celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary

14 - Rob & Lisa Black celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary

16 - John & Bonnie Troxell celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary

20 - Elmer & Shirley Grose celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary

28 - Jesse & Liz North celebrating their 11th wedding anniversary

To Be Her Eyes

A special opportunity to meet a special need within our community. A Bucknell student, an English major, with a degenerative eye disease needs volunteers to read to her. The

request came from her home church. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact the church office (524-4419)

Census workers are needed for the 2010 census. If you are interested, there are brochures outside of the church office.





The Hess family will be sharing with us on Sunday, February 15th.

February's Mission of the Month

Dwayne and Susie Hess with their four children have spent the last nine years working in support of New Tribes Mission in remote areas of Bolivia. Trained in Bible schools, Dwayne and Susie use their talents to maintain mechanical and electrical services, transport missionaries and guests to and from airports to tribal churches and transport food and supplies where needed. In addition to providing transportation, they conduct Bible studies and bring support and comfort to the people they serve. Their goal is to help train the citizens of Bolivia to become missionaries so they in turn can bring the Good News to the people of their country. The Hess' with their four children; Kira, Kegan, Asher and Adellie make their U. S. home in nearby Richfield. You may contact the Hess' at dwayne_hess@ntm.org or (717)694-3566.

Valentine's Day Stirring the Soup February 11th

Easy Clog Dancing for Fun and Exercise.
Learn a Complete Gospel Bluegrass Routine:

Clogging is a quirky little dance and it:
 Improves balance!
 Builds strength!
 Increases stamina!
 Makes you feel a little bit silly!



*Learn a complete
 Gospel bluegrass
 routine at
 Stirring the Soup
 in February.*

NO DANCING PARTNER NEEDED. YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.

11:10 to 11:30 Introduction to easy clog dancing
11:30 to 11:50 Discussion of the "Parable of the Prodigal Son" from an Islamic perspective (read Luke 15)
11:50 — Cupid's Little Valentine Cutie Pie Award
Noon — Light luncheon with a gourmet soup prepared by Chef Chris

STUDIOGO!

It's time to start thinking about StudioGO!

VBS



Game Show, our Vacation Bible School, June 22-26!!! If you're interested in helping please attend our organizational meeting

(we'll only have 2 meetings!!!!!!)
 Monday, February 23, 6:30 in the parlor.
 See you there!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:00 Sunday School 12:00 Branching Out Lunch N Bowl 5:00 SPY at Robinsons	2	3	4 5:00 Sparrows and Mustard Seeds	5	6	7
8 9:00 Sunday School 6:00 Branching Out 7:00 SPY	9	10	11 5:00 Mustard Seeds	12	13	14
15 9:00 Sunday School 6:00 Branching Out 7:00 SPY	16	17	18 5:00 Mustard Seeds Beach Night	19	20	21
22 9:00 Sunday School 6:00 Branching Out 7:00 SPY	23	24	25 5:00 Mustard Seeds	26	27	28



What is Going On This Month

- 1st Branching Out Lunch-N-Bowl. Lunch at noon in the Great Hall following worship. Cost is \$5.00
- 1st SPY Super Bowl Bash at Robinson's house at 5:00. 8th -12th graders welcome. Cost is \$5.00
- 11th Mustard Seeds is going to the beach! Wear your shorts and flip-flops. Bring a friend and see you then DUDE!



In the Future

- Sign up in February for the High School Impact March 27-29 Conference in Ocean City MD to receive the early bird discount; \$80.00. After February \$100.00. Flyers are available on the bulletin board outside of Jana's office.
- Branching Out mark your calendars for the April 3-5 Krislund Retreat.

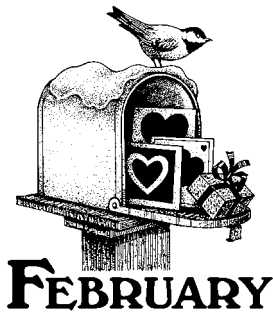


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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 9:00 Sunday Schl 10:30 Worship 6:00 Branching Out 7:00 SPY	2 9:15 Trainers	3 7:00 Youth Director Search Comm.	4 7:00 Youth Breakfast 9:00 Prayer Group 10:00 Women's Bible 5:00 Sparrows/Mustard 7:30 Choir	5 6:00 Dinner By River 7:30 Bell Choir	6 6:00 NA	7
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Ushers:

Bill, Laura and Holly Moore, Bob Martin, John Vaji, Zach Vaji,
Bill Roll, Daryl Fisher, Bart and Ben Shaffer

Nursery Volunteers:

1— Foster, Emigh
8 - Haulman, Harder
15 - Bruckhart, R. Gathman
22 - Shrom, Hall

Greeters:

Graber
Robinson
P. Miller
Fox

Coffee:

McVicar
Dittmar
Dave Reid
Moore Jr.

Dinner By the River teams:

Feb. 5 Bruce/Ishii
Feb. 12 Ron Mertz
Feb. 19 Scott Mertz
Feb. 26 Storm

Ringers by the River to Attend the Area Bell Festival



Six of the Ringers by the River will be attending the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers area festival this summer. The festival will be held at the University of Scranton from June 27-30th.

We will be working hard during the next few months to learn our pieces to ring in the massed choirs of about 700 ringers and the mid-level choir of about 350 ringers. The guest director of these choirs will be David Harris, director of the professional handbell choir, the Raleigh Ringers. We will also be attending many classes to improve our music reading skills, our technical abilities, coordination, and our musicality. Classes and rehearsals usually last from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Concerts fill our evenings with performances by

professional and amateur soloists, small ensembles, and full choirs.

The dorm rooms, classrooms and rehearsal venues are usually hot and the meals are “university dining hall” meals, but the inspiration, the educational offerings, and the concerts and great musicians we meet are worth it!

The tuition for the festival is \$295 per ringer; a great bargain for the education contained, but still a sizeable fee for these ringers who already prepare and rehearse all of the music for our worship services. Anyone wishing to make a contribution toward these ringers' expenses may write a check to “First Presbyterian Church” with “Handbell Choir” on the memo line.

Keep listening for new music and refreshed, inspired ringing.

