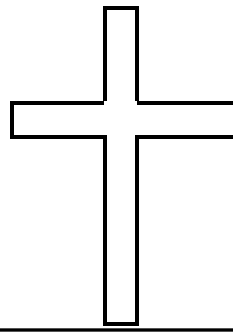


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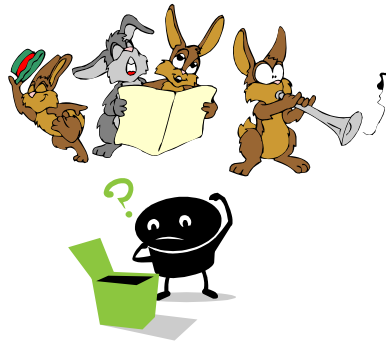
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Seek ye the Lord, with heart mind and soul

It's invitation time

A very friendly "getting to know you" experience:

Meet Your Deacon/Elder



Mark your calendar for: *Sunday, February 26, 2012* in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service.

Spiritual leadership for officers and members.

"We are here for you"

Your Elders and Deacons

P.S. Be looking for the DEACON FUND BASKET as we witness to those in need.



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*Newsletter articles for the
March issue should be
submitted to **the office**
by February 10, 2012.*



It is hard to believe but it is almost time for Lent to begin! This year the Worship and Nurture Committee has decided to offer a weekday class during Lent on Wednesdays from 10am-11:30. (We may even go out to lunch together sometimes.) The class will start the week after Ash Wednesday (which is February 22, 2012). On Wednesday, February 29, we will start our six-week, one and one half hour class on the Temptations in the Desert. I will be leading this class and booklets will be available in the near future. Please RSVP to the office if you are planning to attend so we have enough booklets for everyone. The themes will cover: 1) The Familiar Voice of Judgment, 2) The Surprise of Being Beloved, 3) The Temptation to be Full, 4) The Temptation to be Certain, 5) The Temptation to Make a Deal with the Devil, 6) Letting the Angels take care of you. I hope that we can have a good group to discover God's word for us in this study. I am looking forward to this time with you.


On Ash Wednesday, February 22, we will meet at 7pm to have a 'lessons and song' type service with the disposition of ashes to show repentance. This time of year is one in which we take time to reflect on our faith, and to make needed changes to get in sync with God. I hope you can join us for this special service which helps us to be accountable for our lives and to surrender again to God's will. Our faith is worth developing as we grow closer to God with every effort. I look forward to this special time with you all.

Pastor Marsh

Room at the Inn

On January 3, seventeen members of New Horizons treated nine guests from R.A.T.I. to a delicious soup supper. Those attending had a choice of seven different kinds of soup as well as chili, salads and deserts.

Sy Seidler prepared the drinks as well as the soups. Alva Yamnitz transported the guests from the R.A.T.I. main quarters to New Horizons and back the next morning. Bill and Dee Rhinesmith fulfilled the role of "Innkeepers" and stayed with the guests all



Lectionary Bible Readings February

Readings in **bold** are the basis for the Sermons.

5 Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; **Mark 1:29-39.**

12 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; **Mark 1:40-45.**

19 **2 Kings 2:1-12;** Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9.

26 Genesis 9:8-17; **Psalm 25:1-10;** 1 Peter 3:1-822; Mark 1:9-15.

Financial Report **December, 2011**

<u>Income</u>	
Current Expenses	\$18,995.33
Benevolences	0
Line Items	95.00
Dividend Income	0
Rent	0
Transfer from	
Stifel Nicolas	1,000.00
Total Income December	\$20,090.33
Total Income Year-to-Date	\$219,012.32
<u>Expenses</u>	
Total December	\$17,838.88
Payroll Payable	(430.00)
Year-to-Date	\$209,701.83

night. Judy Doyle prepared the sleeping arrangements and saw that the guests were comfortable. Doris and Wray Darr's son, visiting from Alabama, assisted Doris in serving breakfast to the guests the next morning. Jean Winterowd took care of the laundry. A most appreciative thank you is extended to all those who participated. Because the first Tuesday in February is election day and New Horizons is a polling place, the next Room at the Inn potluck dinner and guest housing will be held in March.



Room At The Inn
(R.A.T.I.)

Special Dates in February

- 2 Andrew Lohnes
Betty Richter
- 3 Anne Wachira*
- 4 Kathryn Byrd
Darold Ferneau
Dianne Parker
Jean Winterowd
- 5 Karen Lohnes
- 15 Ray Highfill
Dustin Shrum
- 18 Marilyn Beller
- 19 Loretta Smith
- 24 Alexis Lohnes
- 25 Kaylee Lohnes
- 27 Thelma Lord
- 28 Edward Albin



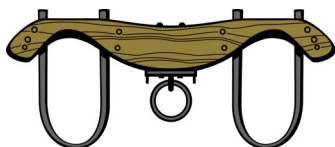
+ Christian Symbols +



This number appears many times in Scripture, often indicating a time of trial or testing, or simply marking something significant. It rained 40 days and nights during the Great Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. Taking this symbolic number to heart, the Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays).

Yoke

The yoke is a burden of hardship and toil, as well as of subservience.



But Jesus said the “yoke” of serving him is “easy” and that he provides rest for the weary (Matthew 11:28-30). The yoke also symbolizes human allegiance, as in marriage (2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV).

Bible Quiz

During Jesus’ time in the wilderness after his baptism, Satan tempted him to do three things. Which of the following was not one of the temptations?



- A. To change water into wine so wedding guests would know he was God’s Son
- B. To throw himself down from the top of the temple, expecting angels to save him
- C. To turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger
- D. To worship Satan in order to gain all the world’s kingdoms

Answer: A (See Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13.)



Refocus for Lent

- Give up complaining – focus on gratitude.
- Give up harsh judgments – think kind thoughts.
- Give up worry – trust God to provide.
- Give up discouragement – be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness – turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred – return good for evil.
- Give up anger – be more patient.
- Give up pettiness – become mature.
- Give up jealousy – pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping – control your tongue.
- Give up sin – turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up – persevere.

—Author unknown

Food Pantry News...

Since last I wrote, the new floor is in and we are still filling baskets. We will always be thankful for donations of canned food, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, and pasta. Christmas baskets went out stuffed and we are pleased. A high five goes out to all who helped last month.

Because of so many generous people supporting the Food Pantry, we were able to increase 41.75% over 2010 in the number of clients we served. Just look at the amazing numbers below.



2010 Year-to-Date		2011 Year-to-Date
3,375	People	5,391
1,495	Families	1,972
1,335	Children	1,920
2,400	Adults	3,471
December		
	People	723
	Families	226
	Children	247
	Adults	476

Til next month....
Linda Haill

Thoughts

by Jack Folkerts

on: Give Me a Moment to Remember

There are many common facets to growing old. Health, of course, is one of them. Memory is another. Some do not have the memory problem and others such as myself do have the problem. I can't off hand remember when I started having this problem.

Memory is a strange thing. I know, I can clearly remember something that took place perhaps sixty to seventy years ago but completely forget something that took place perhaps sixty to seventy days ago. Remembering names is a very embarrassing part of this problem. For me to forget your name probably is insulting. And I certainly would not do it if I could help myself.

Now not all old people have this problem. My



wife, for one, has a brilliant memory. I rely on her memory to help my memory. She is brilliant about remembering the names of people and events that have occurred in the recent past. I live from calendars. I have a large one that is on my desk. I usually carry a small one with me when I venture forth. Any date that I need to remember is marked on these calendars. And I tell people, before I commit myself to any occasion, I need to check my calendar. I will give you a tentative agreement to attend or take part in an activity providing that date has not already been spoken for.

I like to think that I have always been absent-minded. But the truth is, I can't remember. It is entirely possible that my memory used to be better. And like I said, I can remember things that took place years and years ago. Of course, some of these may not have been exactly how I now remember them. But, whose going to know the difference. And how am I suppose to know?



The brain is perhaps the most mysterious part of our body. We understand how the heart works, and the lungs, liver and so forth. But who really understands how our brain works. Certainly our brain doesn't. And, maybe it doesn't want to be understood.

I maintain as complete of a file on my computer as I am able to on our health issues. When either one or both of us visit a doctor I always make a point to enter whatever information we collect from the visit on the computer when we return home. This gives us a record for the next visit to that particular doctor or another doctor. On the first visit to one of my now regular doctors, I printed a list of the various medications and other pertinent information and handed the list to the doctor so that he would have this information. He is somewhat of a quiet person and he was a little surprised to receive this list. After studying it for a few moments, he looked at me and asked me if by any chance I was a retired engineer. I told him no.

So, as we grow older our world seems to shrink around us. The next time we meet if I should call you by some other name than your name, please forgive me and just bare with an old forgetful man. You too may be old someday and be just as forgetful.

Fischer's Fantasies

As a crowded airliner is about to take off, the peace is shattered by a five-year old boy who picks that moment to throw a temper tantrum. No matter who his frustrated, embarrassed mother does to try to calm him down, the boy continues to scream furiously and kick the seats around him.



Suddenly, from the rear of the plane, a man in a U.S. Army uniform slowly begins walking forward up the aisle. Stopping the mother with an upraised hand, the soft-spoken soldier leans down and motioned towards his chest, whispers something into the boy's ear. The boy instantly calms down, gently takes his mother's hand and quietly fastens his seat belt. All of the other passengers burst into spontaneous applause.

As the soldier slowly returns to his seat, one of the attendants touches his sleeve. "Excuse me sir," she asks quietly, "but could I ask what magic words you used on that little boy?" The soldier smiled and gently replied, "I showed him my paratrooper's wings, ribbons and battle stars. Then I explained that they entitle me to throw one passenger out of the plan door on any flight I choose and I was just about to make my selection for this flight."



The Poet's Corner

Trusting

by Beverly J. Anderson

*God's fashioned a veil 'round tomorrow
His wisdom has thus planned it so.
He asks that we follow His leading
Through paths that we can't see or know.*

*But oh, 'tis so sweet just to trust Him;
In perfect faith, walk through each day,
To feel His hand lovingly guiding,
Assured that He knoweth the way.*

TRUST
in the
LORD

St. Valentine's sacrifice

Every February 14, we celebrate the loved ones in our lives with cards, flowers and chocolate. But Valentine's Day has another meaning that's been lost.

First declared a holiday by King Henry VIII of England in 1537, it commemorates the beheading of St. Valentine on February 14, 270 A.D. His crime? Performing wedding ceremonies after Roman Emperor Claudius II had outlawed marriage.

Valentine was martyred for faithfully doing the work God had given him. Although it's good to celebrate love and marriage, let's also remember the courage of a man who gave his life following his convictions.





FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

••••• DIRECTIONS •••••

To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.

B _____ w _____ h each
 ot _____ d _____ give
 _____ e an _____ if _____ y
 of you h _____ grie _____ ce
 a _____ st some _____ .
 For _____ as t _____ L _____ d
 for _____ you.”

COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: “Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” Colossians 3:13, NIV

FORGIVENESS Game

Try this twist on musical chairs.

- What you need:**
- 28 large index cards
 - Black marker
 - Two teams of people
 - Radio or CD player

- What you do:**
1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F’s, two O’s, etc.).
 2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You’ll have six blanks mixed in.)
 3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
 4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
 5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the “music person,” who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
 6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.