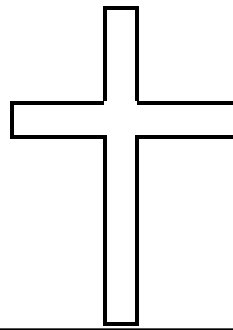


New Horizons

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



News 'n Views

March , 2012

Seek ye the Lord, with heart mind and soul

How far would you walk for clean water?

Many Kenyans of the Kikuyu, Turkana, and Samburu tribes have to walk up to 20 miles each way to get free water from an open, unclean stream. These people have been displaced from their homelands and re-located to a semi-arid region in the Rumuruti region of Kenya.



A DEEP WATER WELL IS THE ANSWER! Cost: \$30,000



Congregations and Individuals are invited to contribute to this project, which is promoted by Nendeni Fellowship and New Horizons Presbyterian Churches. Please make checks payable to **New Horizons Presbyterian Church** designating "Well Project" on the memo line. For more information call Pastor Isaac at 314-556-8716 or Pastor Marsha at 314-427-0841. Send contributions to: New Horizons Presbyterian Church, 9424 Everman Ave., Overland, MO 63114.



★ Rumuruti Region (Approx. location)

Please join the PCUSA in KENYA, the Nendeni Presbyterian Fellowship, New Horizons Presbyterian Church, and Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery as we work to enhance HOPE for

the future, better HEALTH, and TRUST in GOD and EACH OTHER through fresh water.



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*Newsletter articles for the April issue should be submitted to **the office** by March 9, 2012.*

Spring is almost here! At least the calendar says that. This is the time we think about Peeps- you know, the little yellow marshmallow chicks that are sold around Easter time. We think about Peeps because they are everywhere already, and because they are the harbingers of Easter and the whole Lenten season. Peeps remind me of giving up something - like candy for Lent. Many people give up something for Lent so that they can better understand what Jesus went through when he gave up his life for our sakes. And this giving up can be a meaningful exercise. I would like to advocate something different, however. What about taking up something for Lent?



It can be a spiritual exercise like reading the Bible and reflecting on it. (You might want to start with the readings for the sermons that are posted each week in the bulletin, then you will hear it more than once and it might speak to you more.) Or you might take up prayer for someone or start a prayer journal where you keep a record of who you are praying for and why and check in with them after a while to see how they are doing. Or you might begin to do something for another.

Our group of ecumenical ministers is holding a Souper Thursday in Lent with devotionals and a soup lunch held at Harmony Methodist Church at noon. Each pastor will have at least one turn at giving the devotion and there will be bluegrass music too. See the bulletin board for more information. Maybe this can be the thing you take up this season. It is enjoyable, easy and costs \$3,00 a meal.

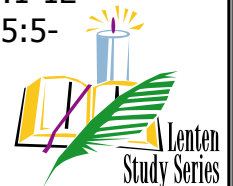
Taking up something for Lent means we are becoming disciples-followers of Jesus. In these 40 days, we get the opportunity to learn to be more like Christ with each day. It is an intense learning period in which we emerge revitalized and renewed and ready to serve in a bigger way. May God bless you in your journey to Christ this Lent and Easter.

Pastor Marsh

Lectionary Bible Readings March

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

- 4 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22: 23-31; Romans 4:13-25; **Mark 8:31-38.**
- 11 Exodus 20:1-17; psalm 19; **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**; John 2:13-22.
- 18 Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; **John 3:14-21.**
- 25 Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; **John 12:20-33.**



Financial Report
January, 2012

Income

Current Expenses	\$10,632.75
Benevolences	5.00
Line Items	158.75
Rent	1,090.00
Transfer from	
Stifel Nicolas	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Income January	\$21,886.50
Total Income Year-to-Date	\$21,886.50

Expenses

Total	\$17,552.91
Payroll Payable	<u>(172.00)</u>
Year-to-Date	\$17,380.91

Your Deacons and Elders Thank You

We thank you all for your fine support of "Meet Your Deacon-Elder" Sunday! We all cherish the "fun" and "fellowship" that prevailed.

Meet Your
Deacon
& Elder



Thank you for your contributions to the DEACON Fund. This furthers our "helping hand" to those in need.

Special Dates in March

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

3/8/1952 Alva & Lucille Yamnitz
 3/8/1969 Tom & Linda Hail
 3/19/2005 Terri & Dan Fletcher

HOLY BAPTISM



Baptism Birthdays:

3/7 - Marion Brewer
 3/8 - Kathryn Byrd
 3/15 - Ryan Parker
 3/23 - Dustin Shrum
 3/28 - Ed Wyland, Jr.
 3/30 - Tim McIntyre

Birthdays -

3/2 - Anthony Brannon
 3/4 - Audrey Bowdish
 3/6 - Jim Cochran
 3/8 - Harriette Roche
 3/14 - Fred Winterowd
 3/15 - Donna Morrow
 3/19 - Michelle Albin
 3/20 - Dan Fletcher
 3/20 - Chris Albin
 3/22 - Ruth Edwards
 3/22 - Sara Seidler
 3/22 - Lore Bailey
 3/26 - David Frazier
 3/27 - Pam Hegger
 3/31 - Vernitta Browne



+ Christian Symbols +

Shamrock

St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons – the Holy Trinity.



Bible Quiz

Job's "friends" weren't exactly supportive when he experienced great trials. Which of the following lists his friends' names?



- Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi
- Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar
- Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar
- Philemon and Onesimus

Answer: B (See Job 2:11.)

MEMBER UPDATES



Gladys Farnbach has moved to:

Dustin Wanstall has moved:



Room at the Inn

On Tuesday, February 7, New Horizons hosted five women and four little boys ages two, three and five. The children were exceptionally well-mannered and it was a pleasure having them as our guests.

Patty Albin cooked a large pot of venison chili which everyone enjoyed. George Albin proved to be an exceptional dishwasher. Judy Doyle served as hostess and brought salads. Alva Yamnitz drove the church van and transported the guests to and from the church.

Jean Winterowd again graciously did the laundry. Mike and Cindy Quinn acted as *Innkeepers* and also assisted Doris Darr on Wednesday morning.

The next scheduled Room at the Inn potluck dinner will be on March 6. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



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

Food Pantry News...

Hi all. The food pantry is in need of food staples that many of us probably have in our own pantries. See the list below if you can help with any of these items. Any and all donations are greatly welcome. We could also use clean grocery bags (paper or plastic).



- Toilet Paper
- Children's cereals
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta (all varieties)
- Beefaroni
- Canned fruits
- Canned tuna and other meats
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Burgers
- Hot Dogs

2011 Year-to-Date		2012 Year-to-Date
365	People	534
128	Families	198
133	Children	210
232	Adults	324

Till next month.....
Linda Hail

Operation Food Search

The New Horizons' Mission Committee received a letter from Operation Food Search (OFS) thanking the church for its contribution of \$568.40. The letter stated that they now provide more than two million pounds of food *per month* to various food pantries. Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry is one of those receiving food from OFS.

It is estimated that more than 439,000 presently live in poverty in the bi-state region. OFS is currently providing the equivalent of 55 pounds of food annually to every man, woman and child who are in poverty.

Mission



The following was reported at the January meeting of the Mission Committee.

Thank Yous were received from :

- * Isiah 58 for the donations of food, bags of clothing and household items.
- * Plowsharing Crafts for the \$706.36 from the Christmas Sale.
- ** Annmarie for the fruit basket gift. (*Twelve homebound also received fruit and one received cookies*).

In other news, the Session approved contributing to the Deep Water Well project in Kenya. The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy will consider at their February meeting. The \$32 received from aluminum can recycling will go to the Presbyterian Hunger Fund.

One Great Hour of Sharing

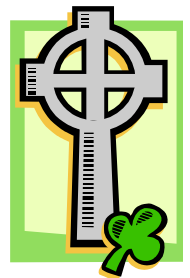
One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is coming soon. Offerings will be taken on both Palm Sunday (April 1) and Easter Sunday (April 8).

OGHS is one of our denomination-wide four offerings. Three programs within our denomination share in the OGHS offerings, they are: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. More information concerning the use of this offering will be made known during the weeks of Lent.



An Irish blessing

May God grant you always
A sunbeam to warm you,
A moonbeam to charm you,
A sheltering angel
So nothing can harm you,
Laughter to cheer you,
Faithful friends near you —
And whenever you pray,
Heaven to hear you.



Thoughts

by Jack Folkerts

on: Catholicism Slipping in the Caribbean

Catholicism has always been the dominate religion in the Caribbean. But, like a lot of things throughout the world, this is changing. Trinidad's only Catholic seminary is now sending graduates to ministries throughout the Caribbean.

In 2010, the Regional Seminary of St. John Vianney and the Uganda Martyrs had more staff than students and was losing nearly \$100,000 a year. They had no choice but to close. The seminarians were transferred to the Dominican Republic's capital, where they finished their studies in Spanish - as opposed to English which is spoken in Trinidad.

The Caribbean bishops promised to reopen the seminary in 2013 with a plan to shore up finances, boost enrollment and find more resident faculty.

The seminary's closing, however, was emblematic of deeper challenges the Catholic Church now faces in the Caribbean area. While still the dominate religion, Catholicism's influence continues to wane.

During the month of March, Pope Benedict XVI arrives in the Caribbean on a historic trip to Cuba. He will encounter a region in a state of religious flux and economic uncertainty. The Catholic Church's standing is being challenged by a rise of evangelism and a lack of indigenous clergy, as evidenced by the Trinidad seminary situation. All of this is in addition to region's historic complex of Afro-Caribbean religions such as Haitian Voodoo and Santeria. Also widespread poverty.

The Vatican's most current statistical yearbook dated 2009 lists the Caribbean area as 65% Catholic, ranging from a high of 88% in the Dominican Republic to a low of 4% in Barbados and Jamaica. While that percentage is among the highest for any region in the world, estimates from previous years were as high as 78%, signaling a precipitous fall.

The influence of the evangelical churches is clear. In 2011, a group of evangelical churches successfully pressured the Dominican government to allow their ministers to legally oversee marriages, a right previously limited to only Catholic priests.

Cuba's communist regime has long taken a hard-line approach to religion, declaring itself an atheist state in 1976. Although it has since redefined itself as secular, the government has allowed an estimated 10,000-15,000 so-called home churches to spring up.

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PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

Synod of Mid-America
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy



Mound Ridge Job Opportunities

The Presbytery's Mound Ridge Retreat Center has both paid and volunteer job openings this coming summer.

They are looking for senior and leadership counselors and junior counselors, as well as adult volunteers for the kitchen, offices, grounds and various programs. Contact Christy Foster at (314) 772-2395 ext. 101 -or- 573-265-3098.

Presbytery and the Civil War

(Written by the Rev. Ed Wicklein of the History Team for the 150th anniversary of events)

In 1861, the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly met in St. Louis at the same time as shootings broke out on Grand Avenue between Union loyalists and secessionists, and again the next evening at Seventh and Walnut Streets. The results were the deaths of both soldiers and civilian onlookers. At the time, the Cumberland Churches tended to be in rural areas and there was division among the membership over the issue of secession.

Several congregations in our Presbytery (Missouri and Illinois) were Cumberland Churches. The large presence of the Cumberland Church may be why colored presbyteries and synods were established in the South to make denominational unions a possibility, along with changes to the Westminster Confession of Faith. Trinity Presbyterian Church's antecedent congregations include the Lucas Avenue and Kingshighway Cumberland Churches.

Fischer's Fantasies

1905 A Reminder

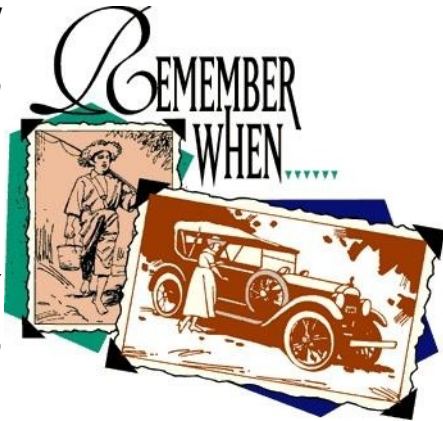
The average life expectancy was 47 years. Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub. Only 8 percent had a telephone. There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The average wage was 22 cents per hour. The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per YEAR.

Sugar cost four cents a pound; eggs were fourteen cents a dozen; coffee was fifteen cents a pound. On the average, women washed their hair once a month with either borax or egg yolks. There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer and ice tea had not been invented yet. More than 95 percent of all births took place at home. A three-minute phone call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars. One in six households had a least one full-time servant or domestic help.



The Poet's Corner

Thank You Lord, for Children

By Edna Massimilla

*Thank you, Lord, for children
Our gifts from Heaven above.
Give us strength to raise them
With thy peace and love.*

*They will have to make decisions
Of what is right and wrong,
Let them trust and obey,
May their faith be strong.*

*Walk along beside them
As they endure through youth.
Let them choose the narrow way,
Implant in them Thy truth.*

*Thank you, Lord, for giving us
Such a holy task to do.
Raising children prayerfully,*

Thought by Jack Folkerts, continued from page 5

Many observers saw this as a nod to the growing evangelical movement.

Unlike Catholics, whose Masses are at the center of parish life, small evangelical congregations focus on pressing social issues like poverty. Leading these congregations are local residents familiar with the various issues that exist in their communities. "You see younger people who are attending our churches because they are attracted to our style of worship", said Clovis St. Romain, a layman director of the United Evangelical Association of Antigua and Barbuda, small islands in the eastern Caribbean area. St. Romain said that the country has around 65 registered evangelical Christian congregations, with about 100 members each, and about 50 independent churches. Evangelical churches are growing at a rate of about 5% annually.

Meanwhile, Catholic churches have been forced to import priests to fill the gap. When the seminary closed in 2010, only 5 students remained. This is the situation in the Caribbean area. What the future has in store, only God knows.



Starting February 23, 2012

Time: 11:45 a.m.

SOUPER THURSDAYS



- A meal & an inspirational message
- Meal - a hot bowl of soup, sandwich, or salad, and a drink
- Cost \$3.00
- Each Thursday during Lent



Sponsored by Ritenour Ministerial Association

Supporting - Ritenour Co-Care and local food pantry



Location: Harmony United Methodist Church
2730 Walton Road, (314) 428-6524

Directions: St. Charles Rock Road to Walton Road, just west of Highway 170.

Spring HAS Spring

Make this craft to capture the beauty of God's creation in springtime.

What you need:

- White glue that dries clear
- White watercolor paper
- Black fine-point permanent marker
- Watercolors
- Paint brush
- Water bowl
- Paper towels



What you do:

1. With glue, draw a picture on watercolor paper of flowers and other things in God's creation we see in spring. Keep lines fairly big and simple, without many small details.
2. After the glue dries, use a fine-point permanent marker to trace the glue lines.
3. Paint your picture with watercolors for a stained-glass effect.



SIGNS OF *Rebirth*

Isaiah 35 describes the rebirth of a dry land when Jesus returns, as well as the signs of God's beautiful creation at springtime.

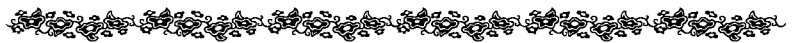
Directions: Solve each math problem. Then write the words in order, from smaller numbers to larger numbers, in the spaces below.

bloom $6+1=$ ___ blossom $2x2=$ ___ rejoice $4x2=$ ___

burst $3+3=$ ___ wilderness $2+1=$ ___ joy $5+5=$ ___

crocus $3+2=$ ___ desert $1x0=$ ___ parched $0+1=$ ___

glad $2x1=$ ___ shout $10-1=$ ___



"The _____ and the _____ land will be _____ ; the _____ will rejoice and _____. Like the _____, it will _____ into _____ ; it will _____ greatly and _____ for _____."

Isaiah 35:1-2, NIV

Answers:
"The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and shout for joy. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy."