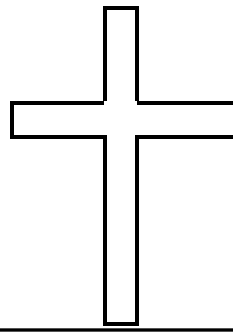


New Horizons

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



News 'n Views

January, 2012

Seek ye the Lord, with heart mind and soul

A New Year's blessing



May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the
shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes
need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the
year ahead.

—Author unknown



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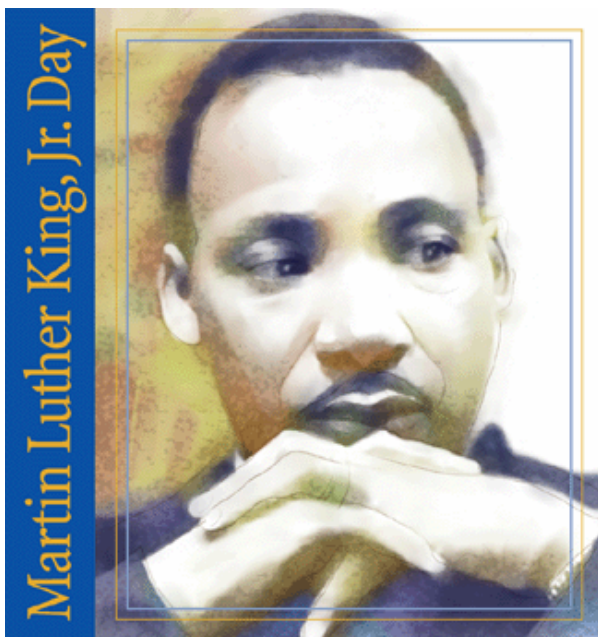
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This New Year is a time of new beginnings and bright optimism for a fresh start. When you think about things that are important but not urgent (those that get put on everyone’s list and are not frequently done) most people would put ‘spending time with God’ there. It is important but because it is not urgent, we tend to put it off. Instead, this year list time with God as something that is both important and urgent (most likely to get done). How do you spend time with God? Just being quiet and receptive to God’s calling in your day-to-day life can be centering. Time alone to close your eyes and have no other distractions for 10 or 15 minutes can make a difference in your spiritual life. If you start there, then you can add reading the Bible scripture that I will preach on with that quiet time. That way you will be ready to hear God speaking to you in the sermon on Sunday morning. The scriptures are printed in the bulletin each week. This can be one way to be more open to God being active in your everyday life. May you and yours have a bright New Year!

Pastor Marsh



Lectionary Bible Readings January

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

- 1 Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40.
- 8 Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; **Acts 19:1-7**; Mark 1:4-11.
- 15 **1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)**; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.
- 22 Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; **Mark 1:14-20.**
- 29 Deuteronomy 18:15-20; **Psalm 111**; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28.

**Financial Report
November, 2011**

Income

Current Expenses	\$8,157.00
Benevolences	60.00
Line Items	251.90
Dividend Income	0
Rent	330.00
Transfer from	
Stifel Nicolas	7,350.00
Total Income November	\$16,148.90
Total Income Year-to-Date	\$198,921.99

Expenses

Total November	\$18,311.06
Payroll Payable	(258.00)
Year-to-Date	\$191,862.95

Room at the Inn

On December 6, New Horizons hosted four ladies and four children from Room at the Inn. Participants included Mike and Cindy Quinn who graciously acted as Innkeepers once more. Fourteen church members joined Lucille Yamnitz in helping with the meal. Items on the menu included ham and beans supplied by Lucille, plus two batches of cornbread, greens and spinach. See what you missed if you weren’t there?

On January 3, we are planning a “soup” supper. Plan now to attend and bring your favorite soup or if you prefer, bring a salad or dessert and we will make a hearty meal for our homeless friends. See you then!!



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

Special Dates in January



- | | |
|----|---------------------|
| 1 | Art Lohnes |
| | Esther Phillips |
| 3 | Genevieve Rottnek |
| 7 | Bill Lohnes |
| 7 | Bill Rhinesmith |
| | Austin Servais* |
| 12 | Mackenzie Watkins |
| 17 | Jimmie Bailey* |
| 19 | Gladys Farnbach |
| | Delores Weekly |
| 23 | Garnetta Christeson |
| 24 | Ryan Parker |
| 27 | Tim McIntyre |
| | Alva Yamnitz |
| 28 | Candy Parson |
| | Elaine Schuttenberg |
| 29 | Hattie Knoblock |
| 30 | Jim Sheppard |



THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

1/29/66 Bill & Peggy Lohnes

Member Updates

Former members Don and Linda Spickler

Thelma Biring

+ Christian Symbols +

“Ecce Agnus Dei”



Latin for “Behold, the Lamb of God,” this is the phrase John the Baptist used twice to point out Jesus to others (John 1:29, 36). It marks Jesus’ Epiphany (manifestation, revelation) as the Anointed One (Christ, Messiah).

Bible Quiz

In the book of Judges, a cycle is repeated many times: The Israelites do “what is evil in the sight of the LORD,” God hands them over to an enemy nation, they cry out to the Lord and he appoints a judge, or political/military leader, for them. Under the judge’s leadership, the Israelites conquer their adversary and prosper – until they start doing “what is evil in the sight of the LORD” all over again.



Who was *not* one of these judges?

- A. Deborah
- B. Ehud
- C. Esau
- D. Shamgar

Answer: C (See Judges 3-5.)

What *not* to take into the new year

- Self-help books – Trust in God first; don’t turn to him as a last resort. (See Proverbs 3:5-6.)
 - Tape measure – Consider only God’s standards; don’t compare yourself to other people. (See Luke 18:9-14.)
 - Rearview mirror – Don’t live in the past. You’ll miss out on what God is doing in your life now. (See Philippians 3:12-14.)
 - Gavel – Stop wasting time judging others. Instead, pray for them, help them and team with them. (See Luke 6:37-38.)
 - Life vest – Don’t be overly cautious spiritually. Peter experienced Jesus in a real way because he dared to step out of the boat. (See Matthew 14:22-33.)
 - Garage-door opener – We think we’re networked but often isolate ourselves. God intended for us to live in community with one another. (See Hebrews 10:23-25.)
 - Handcuffs – Don’t offer excuses about why you can’t help out. God can do amazing things through – and despite – us. Just follow him, with no excuses. (See Mark 6:35-44.)
- Gregg McCaslin

Food Pantry News...

Hi all!

First, let me say thank you to everyone that covered for me while I was on "vacation". I truly appreciate your efforts.

Thanks to monetary donations by many members and donations of turkeys from Schnucks, we were able to provide 136 families with Thanksgiving dinners with all the trimmings.



We are also blessed with a generous donation that is providing the pantry with much needed new flooring which will be installed before the New Year.

2010 Year-to-Date		2011 Year-to-Date
3,375	People	4,668
1,495	Families	1,746
1,335	Children	1,673
2,400	Adults	2,995
November		
435	People	421
142	Families	227
168	Children	186
267	Adults	235

Til next month....
Linda Haill

Thoughts

by Jack Folkerts

on: Together With God's Blessings

It's always good to witness various congregations working together for the good of others. Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU), is just such a united effort. They have been helping those less fortunate take part in the democratic process since 1997 and now includes about 35 Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Islamic congregations.

Patricia Barnett of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Parish located in Florissant, spoke at a public meeting of members of the congregation in November. She told the members that they seek "a place at the table for each of us. Public officials pay attention to organized money and organized people."



MCU, with members in north and south St. Louis County and city brings to the discussion "faith values

of justice and equity for all" according to Miss Barnett. Lisa Thompson, president of MCU and a member of Oak Hill Presbyterian Church said "we expect public officials to work for all people, not just insiders and those with influence."

MCU has campaigns in the areas of foreclosure prevention, payday lending reforms, safe sidewalks and bus stops for people with disabilities and community education. County and state legislation is sought to require loan modification. Mandatory foreclosure mediation would allow the lender and home owners to find a substitute to foreclose.

The goal is to help more homeowners stay in their homes. Susan Donnell of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish pointed to a rise in the number of families with children left homeless and said "the effects of foreclosures are everywhere." Donnell said that there are 21 states that require mediation. "If the families are trying to save their home, shouldn't the lenders meet face to face and at least try?" she asked.

The issue of access to bus stops centers on stretches of Lindbergh and Lemay Ferry Road in South County. There are no sidewalks or curb cuts for the disabled. Both roadways are maintained by the Missouri Department of Transportation. MCU pointed to the case of two men who work in south St. Louis County and have no choice but to place their wheelchairs in traffic areas while accessing a bus stop. John Nations of Metro Transit Authority told the gathering that he would work to bring stops into compliance and would meet with MCU and state highway officials. He further stated that "it is the mission of our company and one of our most important responsibilities... to allow people to lead independent lives" he said.

Jim Sah, Vice-President of MCU, discussed the education campaign. He noted that Community Education Full Service Schools enrich students and anchor neighborhoods. In May, Federal money for the schools was cut. MCU has found a source for other funds and is seeking action from the St. Louis Board of Aldermen and city leaders to maintain full funding.

There are so many issues today that need to be addressed. Metropolitan Congregations United is pursuing many of them. Times are not easy but some issues need to be addressed and resolved for the benefit of many. MCU is doing its utmost to do this.

Fischer's Fantasies

A man and a woman had been married for sixty years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in her closet that she had cautioned her husband NEVER to open or ask about. For all those years he had obeyed her wish. One day, she became very sick and her doctor said that she would not recover.

In trying to sort out their affairs, the husband removed the box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that the time had come to reveal the box's contents. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000. He asked her about the contents and was told that when they were married, her grandmother told her that the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. So, in compliance, whenever she got angry with him, she would crochet a doll.

Her husband was so moved he had to fight back the tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. All those years of living and loving and she only because angry twice. But then, he asked what about all of the money? "Oh", she replied, "that's the money I made from selling the dolls".



PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

Synod of Mid-America

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy

Sharing

The Gateway Nazarene Church has been meeting at John Calvin Presbyterian Church since their building was severely damaged when hit by the tornado last spring. On Christmas Eve, Gateway Nazarene will lead a joint service and on New Year's Sunday John Calvin will lead a joint service.

Congratulations

On November 20, the Micah 6 Committee of First Presbyterian Church in Kirkwood presented their Peacemaking Award to Martha and Emmett Kaelble.

They have been the church's program coordinators for Room at the Inn for eight years, but their dedication to social justice and hands-on mission began over 30 years ago in the church's congregation, at the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy, and at the national level in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). When the Kaelbles received the award, the First Presbyterian Church was also recognized by the Room at the Inn organization for their fifteen years of ministry to the homeless.

Congratulations!

On a Mission

A group from Webster Groves Presbyterian Church spent a week in October working as RHINO (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans) volunteers in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. They worked building a front porch and steps, installing soffit and fascia, caulking and painting trim. The team returned home from its sixth trip with great memories and a lasting friendship with the locals. Plans are already under way to return again in October of 2012.



NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF




Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

What you do:








1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.









A caring disciple

In **Acts 9**, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

___ adcltne			
___ rohmtae			
___ srgbape			
___ rbieda			
___ pentshred			
___ rdhaenlca			
___ fadoo			

Her name in Greek

___ pdeesh			
___ dchilnero			
___ drove			
___ acehtr			
___ sarcos			
___ nusoatinm			

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas