

FEBRUARY 2012

GOOD TIDINGS



First Presbyterian Church of Willoughby

COME
FIND THE
JOY

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



*We extend a warm
welcome to all
visitors!*

*You have found a
warm, joy-filled faith
family.*

*If you are interested in
knowing more about
active membership
at FPCW, please talk
to Pastor Angela
following the
worship service.*

*New members are
received by
profession of faith, or
reaffirmation of faith,
by letter of transfer
or certificate from
another church,
or by baptism.*

**Suddenly the
heavens were
opened...
and a voice from
Heaven said,
"This is my Son,
the Beloved,
with whom I am
well pleased."**

Matthew 3:16-17

God opened the skies, sent his Spirit in the form of a dove and tenderly called Jesus his Son, the Beloved. From our humble beginnings (the dust of our creation that we remember on Ash Wednesday), to the magnificent exuberance of the resurrection of Jesus, Lent is a forty-day 'window of opportunity' to explore who we are. The climate around us now is full of much clamor about 'opportunities.' From the political candidates who preach 'opportunity,' to the three American Idol judges (Randy, J.Lo, and Steven Tyler) who promote the 'opportunity' to make it big as a famous singer, the operative buzz-word of this wintertime solstice seems to be 'opportunity.'

From the raging waters of the flood, God saved Noah and gave an 'opportunity' to creation...to humankind. Out of the parted Red Sea God provided an 'opportunity' to Moses and the Israelites. From the basic earthly elements of water, juice, and bread, God has given us an 'opportunity' to celebrate with his Son Jesus through the Holy Spirit. We have been set apart by our baptism and nourished through the sacrament of Holy Communion. We have made promises before God and before one another.

What do you plan to do with this opportunity for eternal life that you have been given?

Do you plan to shut the window of "Good News" and be tight-lipped with people that you know? Or, do you think in the days leading up to Easter you might take a risk and share your faith? Do you plan to close out the bright light of hope that Christ offers?

Or do you think you could open the shades of sorrow, brokenness, and despair for another human being by inviting them to worship?

Do you intend to keep your faith inside (*your heart, your home, your family*)? **Or**, do you feel called to open the windows of your heart in order for God's heaven to break-in to another's lost soul?

The heavens have been opened. The window of opportunity is infinite. What will *your* response be to God's glorious initiative? May the love and grace of Christ be yours this Lenten Season,

Your Pastor in Christ's calling,

Pastor Angela D. Madden

The Pastor's Pages

BIBLE LUNCH BUNCH

Community Room of North Building
Breckenridge Village

Each Tuesday, Brown Bag Bible is held at 12:15 p.m. in the North Building Breckenridge Village. Pastor Angela leads a dialogue on the Bible passages for the upcoming Sunday worship. Brown Bag Bible offers you a Spiritual Formation opportunity to discuss with and learn from other people of all ages. Bring your brown bag lunch and a Bible and expect to grow in your faith! Sermon texts and titles for the next few weeks...

Tuesday, Jan 31st—texts for Sunday, February 5: "P.O.A."

Isaiah 40:21-31; Ps. 147:1-11, Mark 1:29-39

Tuesday, February 7th —texts for Sunday, February 12,: "R.O.!"

2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30, Mark 1:40-45

Tuesday, February 14th —texts for Sunday, February 19: "Thin Places" Transfiguration Sunday (Last Sunday prior to Ash Wed and beginning of Lent; Lenten Prayer Banner Starts on Ash Wed)

2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, Mark 9:2-9

Tuesday, February 21st—texts for Sunday, February 26: "Harvest of Fire" 1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, Mark 1:9-15

Presbyterianism 101

Presbyterians have 10 Essential Tenets of Faith. All of the tenets can be discovered in the 2011-2013 Book of Order (Chapter 2). The second tenet of our faith is **"the incarnation of the eternal Word of God in Jesus Christ."** Along with other Christians (Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Eastern Orthodox) we believe that we are not alone. God is with us. God came to us in Jesus Christ, God's eternal Son. The word incarnation means "God has become flesh." John's Gospel captures this in verse 1:14 "The Word became flesh and lived among us." The Good News message of the Gospel is that God came to us to save us.



Special Thanks to the folks who prepared the delicious Congregational Brunch on January 29. In particular, "thank you" to AMY Rogers, TOM Smith, DICK Leland, and KURT Hardman.

... to AMY Rogers for treating the Teams and Deacons to Pizza on January Team night.

... to Dick Leland and Tom Smith for their faithfulness in ensuring that hot coffee is available each and every Sunday!

**LENTEN LUNCHEON with PASTOR ANGELA
at
BRECKENRIDGE VILLAGE**

Tuesday, February 28th at Noon

All Visitors and Members that live at the Village
are invited to come and dine with Pastor Angela.
We will laugh, love, and learn about each other.
RSVP to Cassie Wolfe, Church Relations Coordinator
440-954-8361

**Who Did You Invite
To Church This Week?**



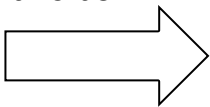
HOLY HUMOR

**What kinds of motor vehicles are in
the Bible?**

- A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of Eden in a Fury.
- B. David's Triumph was heard throughout the Land.
- C. Honda . . . Because the Apostles were all in one Accord.
- D. 1 Cor. 4:8 describes going out in service in a Volkswagen, "We are pressed in every way, but not cramped beyond movement."

Kids!!!

***Draw a picture of
Pastor Angela
in this box***



and turn it into the
church office. Your
work could be
featured in a future
newsletter!!!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

All Teams & Deacons Meet

6:15 p.m. Light Supper

6:50 prayer in Sanctuary

7:00 Meetings

Wed.—February 15

Nursery Provided

Joint Deacons/Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - February 8

Join us on **March 10 @ 5:30 PM** for
“Peace, Love and Murder”
The Ultimate 60's Murder Mystery.

Sign up in the Narthex by Feb. 18th. Be sure not to wait too long, because spots/parts will be limited. An informational meeting prior to the event will be held to provide further details for participants. Contact Dale Ralph 440-537-3028 or Mandy Caunter 216-308-3785 with any questions.



Young Adult Fellowship

Tuesday, February 14

6:30-8:30pm

St. Valentine's Day/Singles Awareness Day Dinner Party

at the Doors' house

(5944 Mayland Avenue, Mayfield Heights 44124)

RSVP with Rachel Door—440-520-0055

by Tuesday, February 7

NEW MEMBER UPDATE

**We welcome to our
Faith Flock Family**

**Linda Cozzone
and
Benjamin Ammon**

HELP NEEDED...

“Sound Team”

Adult & Teen Volunteers are needed to be a part of the “Sound Team.” Volunteers will be provided training to run the church PowerPoint and audio system. If you are interested in being a Sound Team Volunteer, please **contact Pastor Angela**. **Huge Thanks** to Gary Brown and Jim Robbins for their ongoing

Church Librarian

Are you a lover of books? Do you feel called to contribute to your church in a new way? Have you always wanted to be a librarian? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, you can be part of a growing national ministry through church libraries.

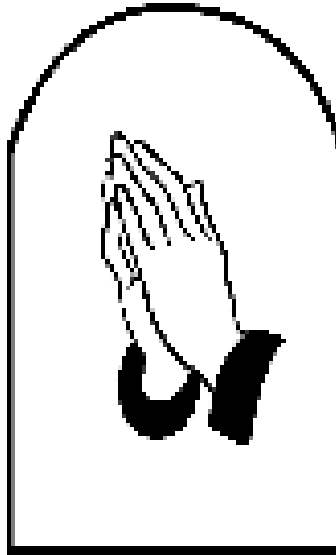
Everyone has met the prerequisites of the position.

The time required is flexible and minimal, yet can grow as you wish. Be a part of this expanding, exciting ministry by **contacting Pastor Angela**.

During February, check out the lovely new library shelves in the recently updated Parlor, and locate

***SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 11, 2012
12-HOUR PRAYER DAY 6AM – 6PM
Christ Community Church
36407 Ridge Rd.—Willoughby***

THE WILLOUGHBY AREA HOUSE OF PRAYER



Because we live in difficult times for so many people, this Day of Prayer offers the opportunity for many men and women of faith to share God's love and healing through intercessory prayer. Also this day is a space in time which people will be encouraged to sit quietly for a while and experience God's peace washing over them.

Mission and Vision

Our mission is saved lives

Our vision is to facilitate a multi-church prayer ministry, crossing denominational lines, to pray back and reclaim our families, communities, churches, schools, cities, state and nation for Christ.

The Lord has given the passion for such an outreach to this Christian ministry. Is God calling you to be part of this caring Christian ministry? There are numerous ways in which God can use the gifts and skills he has given you. For more specific information call Darlene 440-942-5966 or Lee Roniger 440-951-1056.

AND THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE...

Prayers of Concern

Lon Riffle, Ray Rinaldi, Mary Pellegrini, Maria Ryan, Stacy Ryan, Janice Uronis, Vance Roth, John Somerlot, Douglas Campbell, Dorothy Robbins, Jeanette Bell, Adele Sutherland, Hope Merkel, Mary Doll
(Names on the prayer list will be refreshed at the first of every month. If you wish to have your prayer concerns listed, please contact the church office.)

SFC Stephen P. Kall
Afghanistan



**Remember Those
in the Military**

Altercare (Mentor) Mary Warren
Broadfield Manor (Madison) Jeannie Krall
Fairmount at BV Jeanne Buckholz, Kathryn Murray, Marjorie Thompson
The Fairways (Wickliffe) Mary Houze
Grande Pointe (Richmond Heights) Jean Dickerson
Kemper House (Mentor) Barb Parsons
Manor Care (Willoughby) Carolann Ferraro
Mentor Way Nursing & Rehabilitation Ctr. (Mentor) Ray Rinaldi
Nason Center Connie Brown, Marian Callow, Hal Eberhard
Salida Woods (Mentor on the Lake) Jack Reinhardt
Homebound Anne Clapp, Lillian Crawford, Adele Sutherland, Jean Bailis



**Remember
Our Homebound Members**

Due to the federal law mandating privacy of medical information, hospitals are no longer notifying the church if a loved one is hospitalized. **PLEASE, call the church office if a member of your family is in the hospital and you would like for the pastor to visit.**



1 Shandra O'Dell
Taylor Prochazka
3 Alexander Luther
Ross Pochiro
4 Christine Speece
5 Daniel Bailis
7 Lauren Keep
Sydney Prochazka
8 Richard Morgan
10 Ruth Brower
Dick Wallace
Alex Skrabski

11 Melanie Clark
12 Melinda Turner
16 Sharon Luther
Judy Smith
18 Danielle Brickman
20 Hal Eberhard
Susan Kennedy
21 Sophia Caunter
22 Norm Ricket
23 Don Ramer
Charmain Roniger
24 LaVerne Winter
Diane Jameson
26 Harry Bigelow
27 Katia Blatnik



Presbyterian Women

FEB. 4	COORDINATING TEAM	9:30 AM
5	SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY	12 NOON
8	MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE HOSTESS: SUZANNE ADAMS BIBLE STUDY #5 - MARTHA DUS	9:00 AM
8	CL CIRCLE -- 5:30 PM -- POTLUCK PROGRAM: JANE STRANCAR	
19	BLANKETS PLUS (BLANKET SUNDAY) TOOLS OF HOPE-CHURCH WORLD SERVICE	



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

CL Circle is sponsoring a

VALENTINE BAKE SALE

Sunday, February 12

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

& after the 11:00 service

in the WPG Community Room
to benefit...

“Taking Care of Our Own”

(a project for those in our church
family who need a little TLC)

CALLING ALL WOMEN FROM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

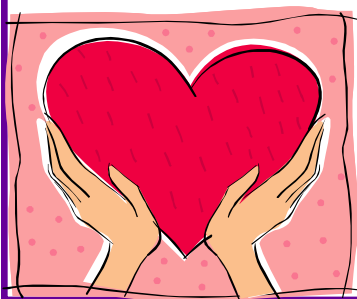
Want a way to beat the Winter Blues...what better way to be refreshed and renewed in mind, body and spirit than to attend our Heart Spa Women's Retreat: Where Women are Refreshed in Jesus!

WHEN: Friday, March 2, beginning at 7:00 p.m. until Saturday, March 3, ending at 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Punderson Manor Lodge and Conference Center, 11755 Kinsman Road, Newbury (a 30 to 40 minute drive from the church)

COST: \$134 (includes \$25 for supplies and book and \$109 for one night of lodging, Friday evening cookie break, Saturday breakfast and lunch). The \$109 price is based on two women sharing a room. If you prefer a room of your own or sharing with two or more we can provide you with additional prices. Financial Support is available.

Come and join us for a relaxing spa experience and spirit-filled discussion. Enjoy getting to know other women in the church. Friends are welcome—and we hope you'll invite your friends to join you in this renewal weekend that leads up to the Celebration of the Gifts of Women in Worship on March 4th!



Carpooling is available if you would like a ride.

Please contact Pastor Angela or Amy Rogers (cell no. 216-407-6751 and email address aar617@roadrunner.com) as soon as possible to sign up.

SESSION SOUNDINGS - JANUARY 2012

Celebrations abound! A celebration date for the work of Bill Simpson, our retired custodian, is forthcoming. Celebration for the 35-year work of Rowena Duncan, retired childcare provider, is tentatively scheduled for March 11 at noon. The Session has authorized the collection of a purse for Rowena and a luncheon will be held in her honor.

Annual Session Checklist which includes setting of communion dates, dates for special collections, Evangelism Emphasis Sunday and Legacy/Endowment Emphasis Sunday, Stewardship Commitment Sunday, additional worship services, and congregational meeting dates for October 2012 and January 2013 were discussed and passed.

The Session elected Bill Heinrich to Chair the Nominating Committee for 2012.

Annual joint meeting of the Session and Board of Deacons will be held February 8, 2012.

Minutes for Mission are encouraged. If you know of a mission which should be highlighted, please speak to the pastor about it or sign-up on the clipboard in the hallway to the community room.

The Finance Team reports that the church's expected income for 2012 is \$190,523. Planned withdrawals from investments and unrestricted funds is \$180,000. Total anticipated income is \$370,523; total anticipated expenditures is \$368,333. Following discussion, the 2012 Budget passed unanimously.

The Session learned that the Mahan Trust monies, which have been in the past at \$120,000 yearly have come in this year at \$154,000.

Received on 3 January 2012 was a check for the final portion of the church's gift from the Evelyn E. Jones Trust for \$112,036.34. It has been placed in a money market account along with the December portion of \$70,000. The monies are to be used for Christian Education.

The Session learned that custodial services by the Secrest firm of Painesville will begin on February 2. They will be cleaning the church on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons.

The Session approved the request of the Director of Student Ministries for youth to collect funds during the Souper Bowl of Caring soup lunch on February 5.

Lots of neat things are happening in the Lord's house in this time and place! We're delighted you are a part of it.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Kessler Smith

2012 Giving Envelopes are available for pick-up in the narthex of the church.

If you can't find a box with your name on it, please contact Gail in the church office and she'll make sure you get one. If giving envelopes are not your preferred method of giving, please consider electronic giving through the online banking option with your individual bank account. It's an easy way to set up automatic withdrawals for monthly schedules and budgets, and provides consistency in giving.



Super Bowl Sunday isn't just about football anymore. Combine the day with an annual nationwide youth effort called the **Souper Bowl of Caring**, tapping worshippers for donations, and you've got a great way to help the hungry.

This faith-based crusade against hunger, started by a Presbyterian pastor in 1990, has signed up youth groups to collect money and canned goods in soup cauldrons when parishioners leave services on Super Bowl Sunday, which will be **Feb. 5th**.

The **Souper Bowl of Caring**, which is endorsed by six NFL owners, has raised \$41 million for charities like food banks and soup kitchens since its inception in 1990.

Participating groups phone in totals, then send donations to charities of their choice.

Please bring your canned goods on Sunday, February 5th as our church is participating in this event.

Ash Wednesday Service

On **Wednesday, Feb. 22nd at 7:00 pm**, the First Presbyterian Church will have a moving Ash Wednesday Service.

Participants will be marked with the sign of the cross using actual palm ashes from the Middle East.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent: a 40-day period of repentance and renewal preceding Easter. It is a time for meditation, prayer, and penitential practices.

Christians take this time to deliberate Christ's sacrifice and the meaning of his life, death, and resurrection for us today.

Some people choose to renew baptismal vows and recommit to the Christian life.

Join us and start your own family Lenten tradition.

Observing Lent can help you experience the full joy of Easter.

Throughout Lent 2012 may you grow spiritually through: prayer, worship, fellowship, mission, evangelism, and stewardship.

Childcare will open for the service at 6:50 pm!

You won't want to miss this enriching opportunity to turn your heart back to God!

Please call the church office if you desire a ride on Ash Wednesday: 440-946-0070 ext. 200

Christian Education

February 2012

Christian Education Elders are Judy Smith and Amy Rogers
Lisa Hillegass, Christian Education Director 946-0070 #202 or ce@1stpcw.org

Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, Preparing for the Future

*Classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:30 for age 3 to adults
from the second week of September up to Memorial day weekend*

No Christian Education classes on Easter, April 8

Classes end for the school year on May 20

Pre-K (must be age 3) through Grade 5 meet in the Christian Education wing

Grades 6 through 12 meet in the upstairs classrooms

Adults meet in the Church Parlor

Childcare for infants and children up to age 5 in the toddler room found in the Christian Education wing available from 8:30 am to 12:00pm every Sunday year round

Pre-K - 5th grade

Lesson:

February 5 Jesus begins his ministry

February 12 Jesus clears the temple 5th grade class taught by Pastor Angela

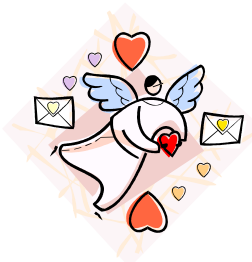
February 19 Enemies threaten Nehemiah

February 26 God gives Joshua courage

Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 8



Vacation Bible School July 15 thru 19
6:00 to 8:30 pm
For children age 3 thru completed 5th grade
Registration begins April 15



Youth Activities

Senior High

February 5

Souper Bowl of Caring

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. We'll be collecting money after each worship service with all of the proceeds going to the lunch program at North Church. After the second service, we'll help serve at the soup lunch provided by the Presbyterian Women.



Middle School Family Gathering

Saturday, February 4

Snow Tubing at Alpine Valley

4:30-6:30pm

Rescheduled from January

Meet at Alpine Valley for a couple hours of fun snow tubing. Let Rachel know by Jan. 30 if you plan to attend.

All Youth

February 19

"Alice in Wonderland"

Fine Arts Association

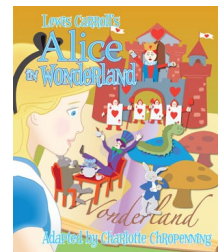
Tumble down the Rabbit Hole with Alice for a fantastical adventure in Wonderland! And also see Alyssa Lane as the White Queen! Youth and adults are welcome.

Age 10 and under: \$10

Students and Seniors: \$15

Adults: \$17

(Let Rachel know by February 5 if you want to attend so she can get tickets)



February 25

Fun –N– Stuff

11:30am-4:30pm

We are heading down to Macedonia for a day at Fun –N– Stuff for bumper cars, laser tag, skating, rock wall, and more.

COST: \$20 PER PERSON


Includes 4 hours of unlimited activity
(Does not include video games or bowling)



SIGN-UP BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

SOME PARENTS ARE NEEDED FOR DRIVING.

PLEASE LET RACHEL KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP!



Mark your calendars for our annual
CHARITY AUCTION
on Sunday, April 22, at 12:00 noon,
in the WPG Community Room.

All proceeds go to
Cuyahoga County's Richard Sering Center
and the Willoughby Food Pantry.

Admission is free!

Lunch is free!

We will have a
Silent Auction
and a
Live Auction.

We are currently collecting donations.

If you have a new item, collectible, hand crafted item, gift card, or service that you would like to donate, please contact Jane Strancar, Cyndi Oviatt, or Barbara Brown. If you drop off an item in the church office, please make sure that it is labeled with your name and the value of the item.

Date: March 24th, 2012

Time: 6:00pm

Live Music Night

*It's time for our 2nd
annual Live Music Night!
We'll also be hosting a bake
sale fundraiser along with
other food items being
available for sale.*



Are you interested in showcasing your musical talents? This is the perfect time for you. If you would like to be part of this coffee house style music night please contact Jenn Puffer (440) 946-0070 or by email clc@1stpcw.org or Denny Carleton (216) 392-8749 or by email dennycarleton@sbcglobal.net

Everyone is welcome and please feel free to bring a friend or neighbor!

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Afternoon hours will be spent in production time.

Pastor Angela's office days are M-Th. Thursdays are her sermon-writing time, and Fridays are her Sabbath day. For a pastoral emergency, please call 620-388-5780.

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