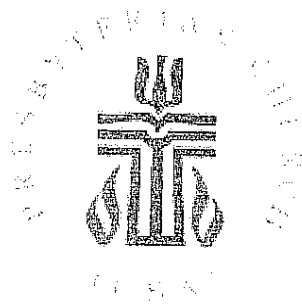




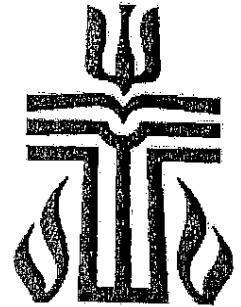
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MARCH 2011

Minor Ministerial Musings

Charlie always came through the front door. He came through the front door, on Sunday mornings, of Belspring Presbyterian Church. Belspring Presbyterian Church was an old country church in southwest Virginia, and Charlie was an old country gentleman who had been in that community all of his ninety-plus years. His father helped build the road that ran along the side of Belspring Presbyterian Church.

Belspring Presbyterian Church had two front doors (originally, one for women and one for men) that led directly into two small foyer areas which fed into the sanctuary. These were part of the original sanctuary which had been built in 1920. (The original church building, built sometime around the 1850's or 1860's, had been located at a site near where this "newer" church was – the exact location is open to some speculation). The basement door, along with the rest of the basement, was added in 1955, complete with a brand-new refrigerator, which was still functioning quite well when I came on as pastor in 2005. The side door with handicapped-accessible ramp, was added, I think, sometime in the late 1990's, and connected with the front door via a sidewalk wrapped around that side of the church. The side door was the door most directly accessed from the parking lot, and led directly into a large narthex area that was often used for classes or overflow. This side door was the one most often used on Sunday mornings – except when someone had something for a potluck, and so would enter through the basement door directly to the kitchen area.

But Charlie entered through the front door, as he had for so many years, years before there was a side door or a basement door. And while this could be chalked up to just plain habit, I always found it quite remarkable, very charming, and a gesture which served a very important purpose.

You see, in Virginia, as in much of the South, it was the back door which was of most significance. The front door was for company, but the back door was for family. My mom's aunt and uncle had a sign hanging in their kitchen (which was where the back door let you into the house) that said "Back-door friends are best." Free use of the back door was a sign of familiarity and familial closeness. In fact, I had some acquaintances who wouldn't answer the front door, unless they were expecting someone who they knew would come to that door first. If the front door bell rang, chances were good that they didn't know who was ringing it – back doorbells and back door knocks were a sign that someone familiar and safe was seeking entry.

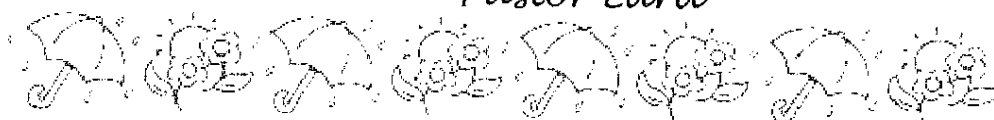
But Charlie entered the church through the front door. And I found this very significant, because it was a sign to anyone passing by the front of the church, that this church was open – open to members, open to visitors, open to strangers – open for worship and ministry. You see, while there is something warm and comfortable about the familiarity of back-door friends and family, the back door is also the door that is hidden from view, the one you have to work to find. And so, since people often are not comfortable tramping uninvited through someone's front lawn and around the side to the back door (dodging shrubs and fences and pets), the back door becomes the door for those who are invited, those "in the know."

And the back door can end up keeping people out, becoming a symbol not of friendliness but of privacy and limitation, not of inclusivity and familiarity but of exclusivity.

So Charlie's action, of coming in the front door, to me was also a statement. It didn't say, "I come through the front door because I am a visitor, instead of a trusted familiar face – a stranger instead of a back door friend." Charlie's action said to me, and I hope to all who saw it, "*Everyone* who enters here, whether by front, side, back, or basement door, is a precious child of God and a welcome sister or brother in this house of God." It said that the important thing about our doors was not where they were located, but whether they were open to all. So here's to front door friends, and welcoming all with the love of Christ, in the spirit of the hymn lyrics which assure us that in Christ we are "no more a stranger or a friend, but like a child at home."

In Joyful Anticipation,

Pastor Lara



HHPC PRAYER REQUESTS

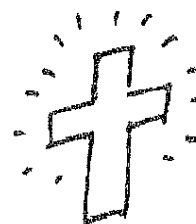
Please Note:

**Prayer Group on Wednesday
Mornings will now meet at 9:30 a.m.**



Dave and Darlene Delaney, and family,
on her mother's passing
Family and Friends of Alice Gust, on her passing
The family of Gordon Home's Uncle James,
on his passing
Cheryl Huenecke for healing
Tom Pearson's daughter, Jean, for healing
Darlene Kibort for health concerns, in the hospital
Aime Cassidy for healing
Keith Reed for healing
Virginia Zabelka for health concerns
Ruth Hill for health concerns
Cathie Wheeler for healing
Darlene Kibort's cousin Lara with leukemia
Mary Davis for health concerns

Blanche Barker for health concerns
Betty Kitching in Rehab
Harry Zimmerman for health concerns & strength
Marisa Rozdilsky for healing &
Jack Rozdilsky for strength
Wally Golema for continuous healing
Dennis & Mary Tarter for strength & direction &
health concerns
Lucy's sister, Delores, for healing & strength
Ivy Taebel's son, Larry, for health concerns &
strength
Shannon Bastien for health concerns,
and her Aunt Anita
John Bredlau for continuous healing
Carol Sack's sister, Ruth, for healing and strength
Kyle Krueger, in Marine Corps
Dorothy Allen for strength
Our service men and women and their families
Our Policemen, Firemen, & their families
DelPrete Family for strength, faith, & hope during
Jen's battle



**Prayer Groups meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.,
and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
We encourage you to attend this
Vital Ministry of our church.**

PRAYER is the ENGINE of the CHURCH

ST. VALENTINE'S FESTA

We thank our guests for being our Valentines. We took our bows and arrows in hand and aimed for your hearts with "food," "song," and "fun." A memorable evening was the result.

We hope you enjoyed being our guests as we did being your hosts. From the Kitchen to the Great Room, we say, "Let's Do This Again!"

Regards,
C. Lou Pearson



TWILIGHT PRAYER

My needs are always met though I be not rich.
My wants are always fulfilled though I be not worthy.
You bestow upon me Your love to show You care.
I talk to You daily as I bow my head in prayer.
Yes, Indeed, Father, You are always there. And I say Thank You!
A grateful heart is a happy heart. Are you happy?
We would be happy to have "you" join us for Prayer if you really care.
You know where. You know when.
I will look for you then.

Regards,
C. Lou Pearson

PRAYER & CARE

"I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live."

PSALM 116:1-2 (RSV)

The prayer warriors (along with you) acknowledge the Lord listening to us. What a blessing!

Please note our new time: Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Love 'N' Hugs,
Arlene

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us; and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!"

PSALM 117:1-2 (RSV)

We continue to study this thought provoking book of the Bible. Praises. Pleadings. Prayers. We delight in recognizing various phrases we have heard through the years, knowing where they originated. We welcome you to join us.

During Lent, our Pastor, Teaching Elder Lara will lead our class.

Love 'N' Hugs,
Arlene

PADS UPDATE

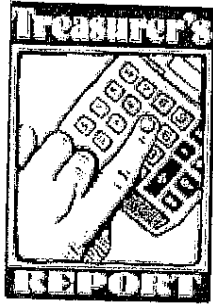
The Sunday of February 6th was a typical mid-winter day, bitter cold and a recent record breaking snowstorm. In addition to serving our homeless friends with wonderful food, we also brought bed linens, shirts, jackets, and socks all donated by members of our church family. This need is always great and is appreciated by all recipients.

Surprisingly, our numbers remain at 60-ish, considering our financial woes which have touched so many families.

Thank you one and all who give so generously to this ministry on a continuing basis.

'Tis better to give than to receive. Yet, we receive the blessing as well.

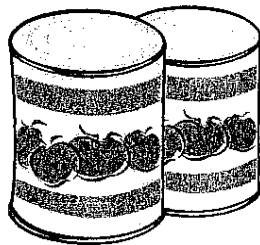
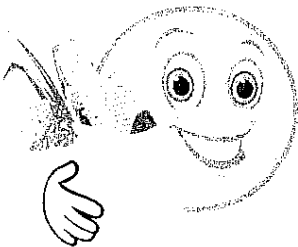
Regards,
C. Lou Pearson



January 2011 General Fund

General Fund Income	\$21,935.00
General Fund Disbursements	\$18,185.00

**Remember the
Food Pantry Collection –
First Sunday of the month!**



Our regular food collection day will be the first Sunday of each month. We certainly will take donations at anytime, but focusing on one specific week will make it easier to remember, and give us all a sense of how important each of our participation is. No matter how small, together we are all part of a larger mission.

Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church Food Pantry is now open on Wednesdays from 4PM to 6PM at the North East door of the Gym.

Thanks to everyone that has helped to get this new mission off the ground. Your donations and continued support are a vital part in this local mission.

Our goal is to maintain a supply of non perishable foods that can be provided as assistance

to church members and our local Hickory Hills Community to be distributed on a weekly basis. This assistance largely depends on regular donations which we receive from members, friends and other outside sources. Collect from those you may know that would like to participate.

We will be providing regular information via bulletin boards and/or bulletin inserts to let you know any specific needs or items we may be running low on, but all non perishable food donations are welcomed.

Please be sure to check expiration dates as we do not accept any outdated items.

The food collection bin is located near the Main Entrance (upper level North West doors) in the Narthex.

Any questions, please see Debbie Zimmerman, members of the Mission Committee, or Pastor Lara. Thank you!



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 17, 2011

10:30 a.m. Worship:

Our Kids Bring in the Palms

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 21, 2011

Catered Dinner & Worship
More Details to come

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 24, 2011

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. REV Worship

UNCLE LLOYD WANTS YOU

by G. R. Snow

Many of us remember the old military recruiting poster with the weather-beaten gentleman in stars-and-stripes clothing, and the inscription "I Want YOU for U.S. Army".



Every time I see the original, I think of Lloyd Wadsworth--not at all because he resembled the portrait of Uncle Sam. He was clean-shaven, an older gentleman who led the hymn-singing, sang tenor in the choir, and taught the high school Sunday School class of El Paso First Baptist Church in El Paso, Illinois. (I stepped in as interim director of music there during my senior year of college.) He was a true saint of the Church--saintly demeanor, always supportive, always glad to see you, never judgmental or negative about anything you told him. But when he asked you to do something, it was impossible to say "no" to him.

At times HHPC could use someone like that. There are some jobs critical to the functioning of the church for which it's hard to find people. In fact, sometimes I think it's easier to find people to go to Guatemala or Honduras, take a week to shingle roofs in Kentucky in blistering heat or have a work day at Camp Saugatuck, than to exert a ministry right here in our own back yard. Well, actually, make that in our church sanctuary.

Because the Worship and Music Committee would be very happy to have people volunteer for several ministries, and they truly cost nothing except a little time. What's more, one even involves lighting fires. And, of course, putting them out. And one involves transporting money. (Legally.) And one involves smiling and talking . . .

Are any of those things you could do?
Let me identify these three areas, then.

1.) Acolyte. This would be very appropriate for people from about age eight to somewhere in the senior citizen category--being at church at about 10:20, taking a lighted candle-lighter, and marching in a dignified fashion down the aisle of our sanctuary to light seven candles on the chancel. Then you bear the flaming candle-lighter out of the sanctuary, extinguish the flame, and hang up the candle-lighter until the final hymn. When the final hymn is being sung, you and the other acolyte proceed down the aisle, light the candle-lighter from one of the candles, extinguish the seven candles, and bear the light of Christ out of the sanctuary ahead of the pastor after she has spoken the benediction. **HINT: COUPLES CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, THIS WOULD BE A GREAT WAY TO ADD TO THE CELEBRATION--MARCH DOWN THE AISLE TOGETHER TO LIGHT CANDLES IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.**

Much easier than being sunburn-broiled in the hot sun of Kentucky . . .

2.) Greeter. Do you like to say hello to people, introduce yourself to the ones you don't know, ask how the ones you do know are, and listen to the answers? Hand them that day's bulletin? If they identify a special need, let the pastor know about it?

This task is appropriate for any age from about 5 to senior citizen. Qualifications include warm smiles and welcoming attitudes.

3.) Usher. Here's where transporting money comes in--because it is the ushers who pass the collection plates during the offertory, and two of the ushers (usually) who bring the congregation's tithes and offerings forward. Ushers also on occasion seat people, hand them bulletins, and occasionally are asked by newcomers questions about the church and how it does things. ("I don't know, but let me find out for you" is an appropriate answer if someone asks you a question to which you don't know the answer.) We encourage men who are scheduled to serve as ushers to wear slacks and collared shirts, jackets and ties optional but welcome, and ladies who may be serving as ushers to wear similarly "nice" clothing--no tuxes and formal ball gowns, but steer clear of blue jeans and T-shirts.

So, anyone want to volunteer for any of these three ministries? Please see Pastor Lara, G.R., Cindy or Scott!

KIDS CLUB

Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church
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Dianne Flynn, *Director*

February was a time for us to reflect on the joys of sharing and caring for those around us. Our Valentine Day celebration was special in many ways. It was a day filled with joy and surprises. Each child left with Valentine treats, heart shaped helium balloons, and a gift which they made during craft time for someone special in their lives. It was a wonderful day shared with friends.

Congratulations to Jessica P for receiving perfect attendance during January. Her participation in the Snicker Balance rewarded her with the honor of balancing the highest number of snickers for this year. Good work!

"Jerusalem Marketplace" will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 9 and continue for the next five Wednesday evenings. ~~We invite you to join us as we study and celebrate the life of Jesus~~ through hands on learning experiences. On these evenings kids and youth will have the opportunity to take a walk back to Jesus' time and visit markets resembling those of old Jerusalem. This year we are providing hands on learning in the following work shops; J.C. Woodshop, Bakery and Confectionery, Colored Creations, Christian Creations, The Mason, and The Story Teller. Additional information on this program and our worship schedule for adults is found in this newsletter. Invite a friend to experience this time with you.

On Monday afternoons the kids sing the song "Market Place". This theme song talks about the story on which our Lenten program is based.

*We've been to the market place, like it was in days of old.
We learned about Jesus and the stories that He told.
Oh, Jesus, we are children, but we're not too young to know.
We need you in our hearts.*

*When Jesus walked upon the earth, many years ago,
He went to the market place where people bought and sold.
There were sheep and goats and burning oil for everyone to buy.
Jesus did many things just like you and I.*

*Jesus went across the land. He healed people everywhere.
The blind and the lepers, He showed them how He cared.
Yes, He did many miracles, He loved them all the same.
And did you know that Jesus is right here with us today?*

*Many years have come and gone, the market place has changed,
But all the things that Jesus taught, today they're just the same.
We live our lives to follow Him, so that everyone should know.
Jesus still lives in our hearts, in the market and at home.*

LENT 2011

March 9 - April 13

KIDS ARE NUMBER 1 AT THE KIDS CLUB



Christian Education Meeting

Thank you to everyone who toiled in the kitchen to create such a variety of soup for the **Souper Sunday** fundraiser. There were 18 soups to choose from. Everyone who attended had plenty of delicious soup to try. Extra soup was sold to anyone who wanted some for later in the week. The fundraiser donated \$327 to the camp scholarship fund. Thank you to everyone who donated their time and money to this event.

An informational meeting on procedures for filling out forms, making down payments, and transportation issues will be held after worship on March 6. A new Online opportunity for registration is now available. Please attend this meeting if you are interested in having your children go to **Camp Saugatuck** this summer. There is a Mini-camp for grades 1-4 on June 19-22. There is another opportunity for the grades 1-4 on July 6-9. Children from grades 3-5 can attend a week of camp on July 31-August 6. Children from grades 6-8 can attend the week session on July 31-August 6, also. Be sure to attend this meeting for Camp Saugatuck this summer.

The **Sunday School quarter** will end on February 27th. Thank you to the current teachers: Megan Zimmerman, Cheryl Howe, and Lou Pearson. The children all had a memorable time in class and will have many lessons they can recall. The Committee is always looking for people who feel they are called to teach the youth of this Church. Please contact Dianne and let her know she can add you to the teacher list.

The **Junior High Youth Group** returned on January 30th with glowing reports of a very fun time at their retreat in Bloomington, Illinois. Five of the Junior High students went

down with Patt Pilgrim for the last weekend of January. There were over 180 students from the Blackhawk Council and the Mission 8 Council attending. The students had time to meet new friends and learn how to relate to Christians their own age. They attended Feed My Starving Children on February 19th. They met at the church at 10:30 AM to car pool down and then work from 11:30-1:30. Afterwards the group had a treat at McDonald's.

The Junior High Youth Group has many activities scheduled for the remaining year. All Junior High students are invited to attend the Hearts in Motion gathering at our church on February 24th. On March 5th, the group will cook a meal for PADS and then serve it on March 6th. April 15-16 is scheduled for a workday at the 4th Presbyterian Church. Students will overnight at the 4th Presbyterian Church and then reassemble into work groups for AWOL(a work of love) in the community. The year will end on May 12th with a dinner shared with all the parents.

Senior High students were ready to serve an Gourmet Dinner for their fundraiser on February 11th. Those who attended the magnificent evening were treated to a delicious meal and beautiful music. Matt Witek played the keyboard while Brittany Marano sang some old favorite songs. All the Senior High students did an excellent job serving guests and being mind full of any needs the tables had. A special thanks to Lou Pearson and the cooks who helped make the fundraiser food so delicious.

The **Women's Bible Study** is going strong. There are approximately a dozen ladies who attend on a regular basis. Right now, the ladies are working through the Psalms and

deciding on what area they would like to explore next. If you have a particular interest, please feel free to mention it to Arlene Pearson or one of the ladies at the Bible Study. They meet on Monday afternoons and would be happy to have you attend. They dearly miss their missing comrades, Shirley, Mary, Enid, and Dorothy. We can't wait for their health to improve and the weather to become more spring like.

There are three children who attend the **Stories and More** afternoons on Tuesday. Although the children enjoy the attention of the five adults, it seems more children could attend and to make this program flourish. Anyone with neighbors of young children(ages 4-6 years old) is asked to make a special effort to have these children enroll in the program. Brochures are located near the East door of the East room as well as downstairs on the table outside the fellowship room. Our six week program begins on February 15th. We will be focusing on reading short words, making rhyming words with word families, and developing skills to recognize letter to sound relationships. For any questions, please contact the program director, Patt Pilgrim.

The February 2nd meeting of **Stampers** was cancelled due to the blizzard of 2011. The meeting of February 16th was held in the church Jr. High classroom. Here we had a discussion of new embellishments we were using and how we could add them to our current supply of cards. Several cards were made with love and care for the Prayer and Care group. Our attendance is lower now that Ruth Hill has to undergo therapy for her broken shoulder. If you are interested in learning a new craft or if you just need a couple hours away from your current responsibilities, come join us on Wednesday morning at 10:30 AM. Our next meetings will

be March 2, 16, and 30. Hope you can attend and share a few hours with us.

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is working hard on a variety of projects. We welcome anyone who is interested in learning to knit or crochet. We have people who can teach you. If you are an experienced knitter or crotchetier and just need a space to work, come join us after worship at 11:45 AM in the room by the stairs. If you need some time to hide from the kids and talk with adults, come see us for the fellowship. So far, we have completed four baby blankets and about 10 prayer shawls.

The **Youth Choir** is scheduled to sing during the 10:30 worship service next month. Practice times and singers did not work out for the month of February as planned.

Are you ready to attend the soup dinners and **Lenten Programs** which are scheduled to begin on March 9? Dinner is served at 6:15 PM with a children's program to follow at 7:00PM. Adults are then free to worship upstairs while their children attend a different shop and activity each week. There is a 12:00 PM dinner followed by a worship service each Wednesday during Lent. Shops featured this year will be: Bakery and Confectionery, JC Woodshop, The Mason, Christian Creations, Colored Creations, and of course the Storyteller. Children will be given an opportunity to shop in the streets of Jerusalem for cookies at the Bakery, there might even be a tax collector, a Roman soldier, and street entertainers. No one knows what will be happening in the Jerusalem Marketplace. Come and see for yourself. Remember our dates: March 9 to April 13.

The Christian Education Committee is currently reminding all leaders and adults working with the children to give your renewed auto insurance cards to the office for the file. Anyone who has not filled out the

required paperwork for the new Child Protection Policy must complete this before working with the children. The Committee is currently updating and changing the list of its responsibilities. This activity will stretch into the next month or two.

NEWS FROM OUR Sunday School Classes

Senior High Class – Lou Pearson
Honesty/ Humility

Proverbs 27:2 Don't praise yourself, Let someone else do it. Let the praise come from a stranger not from your lips.

Father, I want to be an honest person. Show my love and respect to others by my honesty. Take from me my evil side – that lies and is dishonest. Always give me the will to tell the truth. Teach me humility and grace. I, to often, think of myself as the capable one not my friend. Many times my perspective of myself is wrong. May I clearly see the truth. Humble and wise may I become and honesty never deceives. The humble person is sought after like riches because he has so much to share. Share your wealth.

Regards,
C. Lou Pearson



Stories and More

When it comes to music some of our favorite songs to dance to are "I'm a Pretzel", "Bean Bag Dance" and Bop Til You Drop".

A few of the books we read in February and March are:

"Sally and The Purple Socks" by
Lisze Bechtold

"The Biggest Best Snowman" by
Margery Cuyler

"One Zillion Valentines" by
Frank Modell

"Rembrandt's Hat" by
Susan Blackaby

"Don't Slam the Door" by
Dori Chaconas

In February we finished a six week session on numbers and worked with number sequences up to 70. In mid February we started a new six week session working on recognizing and rhyming words. We started with At and An and will be having fun learning a series of words throughout the next six weeks.

We welcome all 4, 5, and 6 year olds to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00PM to 2:00 PM.

Junior High Youth Group

At the end of January Stacey, Riley, Leanne Ashley and Natalie went to the annual Junior High retreat at East Bay Camp in Hudson, IL. There were 186 junior highs there from churches in the Chicago and Blackhawk Presbyteries. They sang, met in small groups to talk about how difficult it is to be like Jesus, played games, swam and made some new friends. All of the girls said they would go again.

In February we went to Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, IL for an afternoon and assembled and packed food to be sent to starving children in one of 60 countries that this worthwhile mission services.

On February 24, we worked at our church with five different churches from MC8 to do the annual in-house mission at our church to assemble gift packages for seniors in Guatemala.

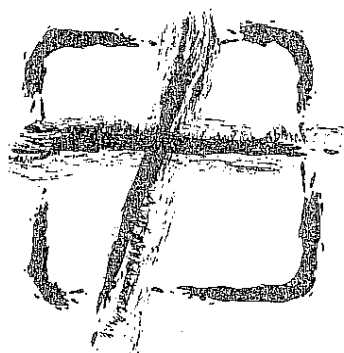
On the first Sunday in March we cooked chili and then took it to the PADS site in Oak Lawn that our church supports to serve a meal to over 80 homeless people.

We meet Thursday nights at 6:30 at the church to play games, have discussions about what the bible has to say about different topics like good / bad temptations, friendship and mission and have great snacks like pizza rolls, and mini bagel bites. We invite all junior highs to come join us.

Bryan Ambrosat, Katie Trecanni, Patt Pilgrim

The symbolism of ashes

On the first day of Lent, pastors in many churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.



God's people have used ashes as a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. In the Old Testament, ashes were used as a purification offering. The New Testament speaks of repenting in "sackcloth and ashes" (Luke 10:13, NRSV).

On Ash Wednesday, Christians are pained because our sins — private and public — led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing it leads to resurrection on Easter Sunday.

We Celebrate Birthdays and Perfect Attendance

March Birthdays

- 1 Hollie Fox
- 3 Amani Judeh
Michael McCann
- 14 Karl Haack
Jordan Hepburn
- 15 Daniel Orsic
- 22 Mark Matke
- 23 Victoria Pettis

FEBRUARY PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Junior High

Ashley Maranto

Senior High

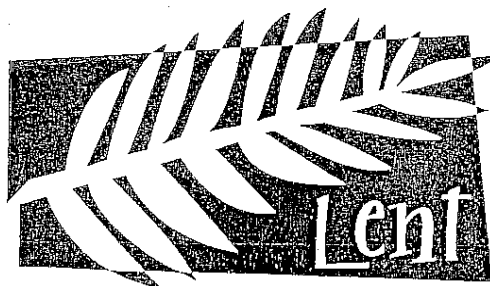
Gabriella Ciametti

Brittany Maranto

Sarah Swearingen

Andrew Witek

Matthew Witek



JERUSALEM MARKET PLACE

LENT 2011

**A BIBLE TIME EXPERIENCE
KIDS AGE 3 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
BEGINNING MARCH 9**

"YOU ARE THERE!"

Wednesday evenings during the Season of Lent, we have planned something special for kids age 3 through high school. While adults are in worship, our kids will participate in an age appropriate program that has been designed with learning and fun. It is called Jerusalem Market Place. This is a hands on learning time that will provide the kids with a "YOU ARE THERE!" Bible time experience. They will relive Bible time events while exploring and experiencing occupations and events of that time. During the six week program the kids will participate in six different shops. They will:

- SMELL the aromas of bakeries in the Bakery and Confectioner Shop
- HEAR the sounds of carpenters in the J.C. Woodshop
- SEE the villagers in Bible times attire as you meet the Roman Soldiers and the teachers in our shops
- EXPERIENCE learning occupational skills of the times by visiting the shops; The Mason, Christian Creations, and Colored Creations.
- JOURNEY with friends to visit the great Storyteller
- WRITE in Scribes Journal

We hope that your family will be a part of this Holy Land Adventure.

LENT 2011

Every Wednesday
March 9 - April 13

MIDDAY SERVICE

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*Soup Luncheon - Worship
12:00 Noon*

EVENING SERVICE

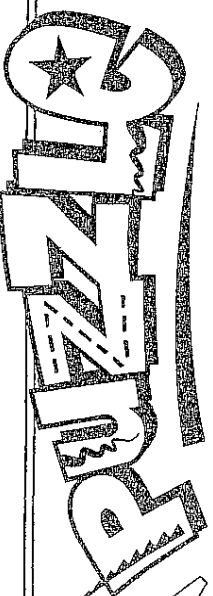
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*Soup Supper - 6:15 p.m.
Worship - 7:00 p.m.
Jerusalem Market Place - 7:00 p.m.*

Sacrament of Holy Communion- March 6, 2011

SUNDAY	USHERS	LAY READER
Sun. Mar. 6, 2011	K. Dritz, C. Pilgrim, R. Raschke	Dave Delaney
Sun. Mar. 13, 2011	T. Brock, T. Lane, H. Zimmerman	Rick Vogl
Sun. Mar. 20, 2011	B. Ambrosat, F. Esparza, M. Maranto	Scott Zimmerman
Sun. Mar. 27, 2011	D. Barker, D. Ciametti, T. Morrell	Terry Brock
SUNDAY	COUNTERS	
Sun. Mar. 6, 2011	Susan Frangella	
Sun. Mar. 13, 2011	Susan Frangella, Karen Hoffman	
Sun. Mar. 20, 2011	Susan Frangella, Sandy Beal	
Sun. Mar. 27, 2011	Susan Frangella, Shirley Brunell	

Communion Servers: Kim Ambrosat, Patt Pilgrim, Ivy Taebl



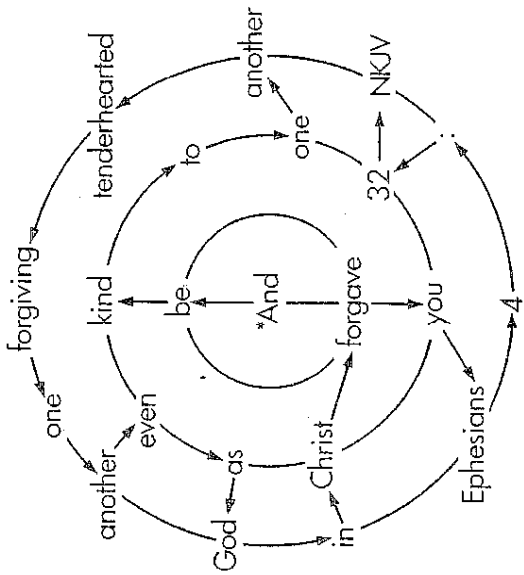
WHY FORGIVE?

Puzzle



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32, NKJV

MARCH 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 a.m. Cancer Sewing 1:00 p.m. Stories & More 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. C.E. Meeting	2 9:30 a.m. Prayer & Care 10:30 a.m. Stammers 4:00 p.m. Food Pantry 7:30 p.m. Choir	3 6:00 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells	4	5
6 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed. 9:00 a.m. Developing a Chr. W. V. 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship & Child. Ed. 11:45 a.m. Camp Meeting 11:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Min. 11:45 a.m. Dev. a Chr. W. V. 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group	7 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Kid's Club	8 1:00 p.m. Stories & More 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care	9 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> <u>Lenten Series Begins</u> 9:30 a.m. Prayer & Care 12:00 p.m. Lunch/Worship 4:00 p.m. Food Pantry 6:15 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Worship/ Jerusalem Marketplace 8:00 p.m. Choir	10 6:00 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells	11	12 2:00 p.m. Building & Grounds
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<u>April Newsletter Articles Due</u> 20 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed. 9:00 a.m. Developing a Chr. W. V. 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship & Child. Ed. 11:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Min. 11:45 a.m. Dev. a Chr. W. V. 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group	21 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Kid's Club 7:30 p.m. Outreach	22 1:00 p.m. Stories & More 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. Mission	23 9:30 a.m. Prayer & Care <u>Lenten Series</u> 12:00 p.m. Lunch/Worship 4:00 p.m. Food Pantry 6:15 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Worship/ Jerusalem Marketplace 8:00 p.m. Choir	24 6:00 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells	25 Sr. High Youth Group Retreat- Saugatuck	26 Sr. High Youth Group Retreat- Saugatuck
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March Birthdays

March 2 – Jean DeForest
2 – Mike Monczynski
2 – Christopher Pearson
3 – Dorothy Allen
4 – Joyce McKinney
5 – Dave Barker
5 – Donna Bredlau
6 – Melber Betterton
11 – Michael E. Dragas
12 – Dorothy Scholefield
15- Amanda Gulotta
15- Kim Ambrosat
16 – Pat Lorenz
16 – Roy Hoffman
17- Luke Janchenko
18 – Darlene Krueger
20 – Marie Hoffman
22- Frank Esparza
28 - Jeanette Grisko
28 – Jennifer Petkus
29 – Betty Kitching

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