



Features of First

A Newsletter of
First Presbyterian Church
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MINISTERIAL MUSINGS

It seems that we just finished celebrating Christmas!
 What happened to January???

We've started a new exercise program and I would invite and encourage all of you who can to join us. We do only simple exercises at our own pace as we are able.

We will soon begin the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Service and Lenten study - "24 Hours That Changed the World"... Come join us...

This time of year is another opportunity for us to focus on our relationships with God - through worship and study, and our relationships with each other - at events like the Valentine Dinner and Presbyterian Women.

It will also be a time for us to begin making plans for our 100th Anniversary celebrations in November. Come make this month a time for you to get involved in our worship and fellowship as we live and work together here at First...

Financial Info

<i>Beginning Balance 1/1/12</i>	\$1,869.66
<i>Income</i>	\$8,585.75
<i>Expenses</i>	<u>4,031.93</u>
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$6,423.48
<i>Reserve Account as of 1/24/2012</i>	\$4,415.03

Soup and Study ~ February 29 - March 28

Each Wednesday evening during Lent we will meet for a light supper, beginning at 6:30, followed by a Bible study, beginning at 7:00. The study - "24 Hours That Changed the World" - is a sequel to the Christmas series where we journeyed with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. The video and lessons this time will focus on the events and places that Jesus traveled on those 24 hours before and during his crucifixion. Come join us as we prepare our hearts during this Lenten season.

Paper Sunday

In our attempt at "creative finances" we are inviting you to bring a paper product to church on the third Sunday of the month - the Sunday of our luncheon. It can be anything from paper cups to take out containers, paper towels to toilet tissue, foil to paper napkins - anything we use for fellowship events. We plan to use the church's bowls and plates and then wash them, but if you will pick up an extra "roll/package" when you grocery shop and then bring it to church it will help us save the cost of these consumable items.

Presbyterian Women ~ February 2 & 16

We meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month.

The gathering starts at 10:00 with a time for Exercises and then our meeting at 11:00.

2/2 - Bible study: "If Experience is Such a Good Teacher, Why Do I Keep Repeating the Course?"

2/16 - Movie Time - "The Help" followed by a light lunch.... If you need a ride call us!

Blue Plate Special

February 19

Our lunch this month we will be hosted by the choir. We will be invited to give a \$5 donation for that committee to use in their ministry. By so doing, we will help to defray some of our budget expenses. Come enjoy a special



The Mission and Outreach Committee Wants YOU!

Do you have compassion for people having a difficult time coping with a job loss? or underemployment that results in not enough food at the end of the month? Do you wish that you could do something to help people in need in our community?

The Mission and Outreach Committee works with established agencies in Fort Bend County. Your willingness to help can make a difference in people's lives. The committee meets once a month. For more information, please call Cheryl Dunn - 281-239-0302.

The Proposed Agenda for 2012

February - Souper bowl Sunday - Food and cash collections for hunger

March - Collect food for Helping Hands - a local food bank

April - CROP Walk - walk or support those who do walk to relieve hunger

One Great hour of Sharing - cash donations for world disaster relief

May - Ft. Bend Women's Shelter - personal items, food and clothing donations for local families

June - Operation Backpack - provides backpacks and school supplies for local children

July - Rainbow Room/Undie Sunday - provides underwear for local children

August - Presbytery of New Covenant - Day of Service - local service project

September - Collect food for Helping Hands - local food bank

October - Seafarer's Center at Port of Houston - put together Christmas boxes for world sailors

November - Provide Thanksgiving food baskets to local families

December - Angel Tree - Christmas gifts for local children

Christmas Joy Gift - money given to General Assembly Board of Pensions

for retired pastors and their spouses

Red Cup - donations made by committee members for pastors at Seafarer's Center



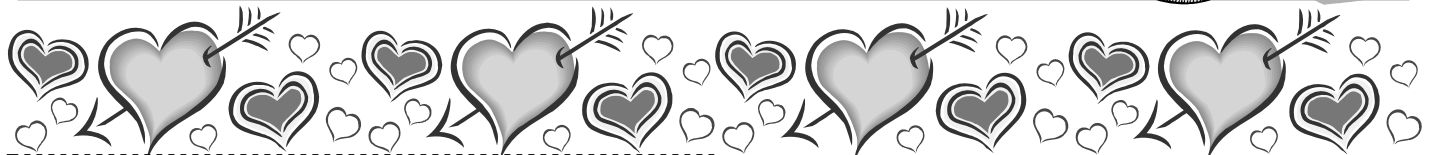
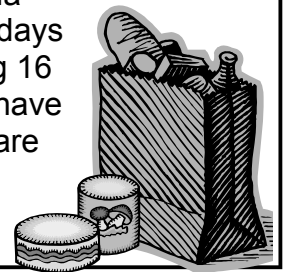
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Sunday, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

In Romans 12:13 we are told:
"Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."
This congregation certainly obeys that command.

The "Souper" Bowl of Caring is a grassroots, faith-based crusade against hunger. First Presbyterian Church is joining other churches, schools, organizations and individuals across America to fight hunger and poverty by collecting dollars in soup pots on February 5, 2012.

For a week starting Sunday, January 29, we will collect non-perishable food items. Please put them into the wheelbarrow in the Narthex when you come to church. On Sunday, February 5 we will also have a special cash collection after the church service and both the food and the cash collected will be given to the Fort Bend Women's Center.

The number of Americans living in poverty is the highest it has been in 52 years. When the economy goes down, the number of people seeking help from the nation's food banks goes up. Donations to food banks slows down after the holidays even though the need never goes away. Over 48 million Americans, including 16 million children, live on the edge of hunger. Research shows hungry children have lower grades in school because they cannot concentrate. As Christians, we are called to help those in need however we are able.
May God bless our gifts.



Valentine Dinner February 13 at 6:30

Put on your best duds, bring a "friend" or come "stag", and bring a hearty appetite to our first Valentine Dinner.

It will be a gala affair with a delicious entrée and all the trimmings, plus music for dancing if you wish...

This is a time for us to celebrate our love and appreciation for those special people in our lives. Come and enjoy lovely atmosphere, listen to some of the old songs, and enjoy the company of your friends at First...
Call us if you'd like a ride!

Ash Wednesday Service February 22 ~ 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to join us for this special service of scripture readings, prayer, hymns, meditation, Holy Communion, and bestowing of ashes as we observe the beginning of the Lenten Season. This is a time in the life of the church, and in our own lives, when we can focus on our need for God's mercy and grace, and learn to appreciate Christ's sacrifice at Calvary for our sakes...

"All the heavenly beings shouted for joy."
Job 38:7

Let us envision the joyful harmony of all of us playing together as children of our loving Lord. We can all enjoy God's Spirit of reaching out to one another. Take a moment to greet one another, especially visitors, in the joy of the Lord...

Session Notes

Quorum present

Meeting opened at 6:00 with devotional and prayer by Rev. Detenbeck
Trustees Report:

The Trustees recommended that we not approve to Montessori School and Day Care at this time due to the expense of the smoke alarm system - \$11,490. It was noted that 2 years from now it will be mandatory to install such a system in the church Pastoral Report given for worship services, church activities and future plans.

Monthly dinners were approved and assigned to committee chairs.

Membership Committee needs volunteers

Contact Diane Schuler at 281-342-5978

Personnel Committee:

Those to serve on Personnel in the coming year from each committee are:

Stewardship - Charles Smith

Worship - Earlene Pollack

Trustee - Cooper Dunn to ask for volunteer

Deacons - Vicki Littleton

They have decided to meet after church.

Charles Smith has agreed to serve as the church treasurer, and we are in the process of finding someone to become the chairperson of the Stewardship Committee.

Unfinished Business:

A question was raised about the 100 yr. Anniversary Celebration - Nov. 11. 2010.

Plans and organization will be initiated after the February Blue Plate Luncheon on Feb.19

Trustees have scheduled a WORK DAY for March 3, 2012. They are developing a list of tasks to be done so we can sign up to do specific jobs. Volunteers needed!

Meeting was closed with prayer at 7:30

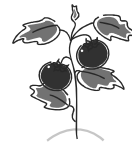
Next meeting Feb. 9 at 6:00



“Gardening”

On Saturday, February 25 at 9:00a.m a representative from “Enchanted Forest” in Richmond will be talking to us about Herbs, Heirloom Tomatoes, Garden Plants and Container Gardening. She will be bringing plants to sell and there will be door prizes.

Come join us for a light breakfast at 9a.m. and stay for this timely presentation to get your garden going off on the right foot.



100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER 11, 2012

After our Blue Plate Lunch on the 19th we will begin making plans to celebrate the church's anniversary. We will organize committees for Event Planning, Publicity/Invitations, Food Planning - serving, and clean-up, Decorations, and care and preparation of our Church Property.

Some folks have already signed up and it looks like there is much enthusiasm for this event. Please join us for our

Anniversary Planning Meeting

February 19 ~ after lunch

Even if you haven't signed up but you'd like to help, please plan to join us. Once we get organized, we will be looking for suggestions, ideas and help. Stay tuned.....