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Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?
Mark 14:12

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you to invite you to our Christian Seder on Thursday, April 5 at 6 PM in Legacy Hall.

I think it is important that you join in our Seder. It is not just one more thing to include in our already busy schedules. It is a special event in the life of our church, and here's why that is so.

You will be served a delicious meal on china plates that you will not have to prepare. You will be with your church friends and enjoy an evening of fellowship and conversation.



In homes where the Passover is celebrated, the Seder is a special event each year. Plans are made weeks in advance. The home is cleaned top to bottom. Special recipes for the meal are passed on from generation to generation. It is an honor to sit at the Passover table. And everybody looks forward to the family and friends gathered together.

Over the years, special family traditions have been added to the event. In some families, children hide the dessert, and grown-ups go in search of it.

For this is a meal of great celebration. It remembers the hardship that the Hebrew people experienced in Egypt and God's liberation. We also will eat the *horoses* which represents the clay used as mortar in the building of the pyramids. We will taste the "bitter herb" to remember the bitterness of that life.

But most of all we will also remember that God recognized the plight of this people and came to save them. God "passed over" the homes of the Hebrews and secured their liberation from bondage.

The evening is rich in symbolism, and you cannot be part of the Seder celebration without getting caught up in the drama of this event.

So on the night of Passover when Jesus and his followers were in Jerusalem, they prepared to celebrate the Seder in the upper room in a house. Perhaps it was the home where John Mark (or simply Mark), the author of the Gospel, lived.

Everything was prepared for the meal. Jesus had celebrated the Passover with his disciples before, but on this night, Jesus would bring a new understanding to the meaning of Passover.

Of all the reasons I could give you for being a part of our celebration, the most important is **to be in the place where Jesus was on the Thursday of Holy Week.**



We are his followers, and we have committed our lives to going to the places where he leads us. And on the Thursday of Holy Week, Jesus went with his disciples to the Upper Room to celebrate the Passover. And on this night, I believe that is the place we should be too.

So we can have an accurate count of how many people will be attending our Seder, we will be selling tickets. I hope you will join my family at our Seder on April 5.

In Christ's love,
Rich

One Great Hour of Sharing



2011 was a historic year for weather-related disasters. In March an earthquake and tsunami devastated Japan. The island nation continues to face multiple challenges in the wake of that disaster.

The National Weather Service recorded over 1500 tornadoes in the U.S. during the year, including a rare tornado in Massachusetts. Heavy rain and melting snow caused historic flooding in the Ohio Valley, destroying thousands of acres of farmland in the upper Midwest. In the southern part of the U.S., drought and wildfires caused unimaginable devastation.

The Presbyterian Church responded to the great human needs caused by each these disasters through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

During Lent since 1949, the Presbyterian Church has taken a special offering to support those in need in the USA and around the world. First Presbyterian Church of Bel Air contributed nearly \$5000 to the OGHS Offering in 2011. We are grateful for your generous support of OGHS in the past.

And again in 2012 our church will reach out our hands to support those in need. OGHS offering envelopes and fish banks will be available on the table in the Narthex. And there will be stories in *First News* on each of the Sundays in Lent, telling about how we have served the Lord Jesus through our giving to OGHS.

You can contribute to the OGHS Offering during any of the Sundays in Lent. Just place your OGHS Offering in the offering plates along with your regular offering. Our OGHS Offering will be dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 1. Thank you for your faithfulness.





Another Opportunity!

For those who were unable for any reason to get their picture taken for our new directory, you have a second chance! March 2nd and 3rd have been set aside to do this. If you did not have your picture taken because of illness...or it was too cold...or you were out of town...or you didn't feel like it then...or you had to leave due to scheduling conflicts...please give a call to the church office at 410-838-5777. We want this directory to be the best ever, and you need to participate!

Parish Life Events

St Patrick's Day Breakfast Sunday, March 18

9-11 AM

Legacy Hall

Come and enjoy another good hot breakfast, Irish style! Sunday School will be shortened, 9:30 to 10 AM, so there will be plenty of time to enjoy good food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Call the church office at 410-838-5777 for more info..



The Phantom of the Opera Dinner Theater at Oregon Ridge Saturday, April 14

Doors open at 6 PM. Dinner is at 6:30. The show is at 8 PM. Price is \$37. This is always a great night out. We have been here before. The food is good, and the show is always enjoyable! We will be selling tickets at church February 26, March 4, and March 11. Any questions, see Al Ward or Susan Hurley.



From the Choir Director...

Members of First Presbyterian:

I am writing to inform you of my decision to step down from my duties as the Choir Director of FPC starting June 2012. At this time in my life it is important that I focus on my career in the public school system, as well as starting a master's program. With all of the professional obligations and commitments that go along with this, I feel I will no longer have the time or energy to perform my duties to the best of my abilities.



My time here has been full of joy and spiritual growth, and I will truly miss making music with the members of the Chancel and Children's Choirs. I have been blessed to have spent the last five years here at First Presbyterian.

Many Blessings,
Erin Kirchner



Recycling Effort Continues

Look for blue recycling waste bins throughout our buildings and help us to be more green! These bins are being distributed in classrooms in the Education Building, the major intersections of the downstairs of Legacy of Faith Building, and in Legacy Hall.

Here's what we want to recycle in them: one bin should contain **rinsed if needed** plastic, glass, soda cans, tin cans, and cardboard; the other should hold paper destined for our Abitibi paper recycler located off our parking lot near the Ed Building. The "plain old trash cans" should hold anything that can't be recycled (ie. used paper towels, containers that have food residue in them, pencil shavings).

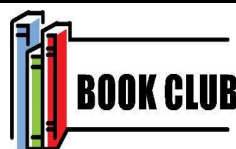
These containers are only for those items you have been throwing in our wastebaskets here already and not for you to bring the stuff you have saved from home. We do ask that you continue to fill the Abitibi bin off the parking lot from home, though. We received a check for \$17.35 this week for a recycling effort of 5001.97 lbs. (2.5 tons!). Keep that paper coming!

**For another way we can help save our planet:
see "The Green Corner" on page 12!**



Old Enough Club Wednesday, March 14 12 Noon

We welcome all who know they are Old Enough. Come for a delicious lunch, great fellowship, and a special program of music by Maurice Howard.



The Book Club's selection for March is *The Dry Grass of August*, by Anna Jean Mayhew. We will meet Monday, March 26, in the Library at 7:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to join. If you have questions, please call the church office at 410-838-5777.



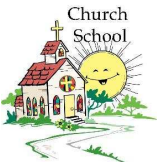
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In June, the Summer Youth Mission Trip 2012 is going back to West Virginia to serve with the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Work Camps. It looks like we are going to have a big group. As a result, our expenses could be high. We must raise funds to offset the cost of transportation, fuel, food, and activities. The rental of two fifteen-passenger vans for the week is close to \$2,000! Our fund-raising goal will be \$5,000 to cover all costs. To accomplish this, we are going to hold two fundraisers.

On Saturday, April 21, the team will participate in cleaning up the Susquehanna River banks. Our fundraiser will work like this: a team member will invite a church member to pledge a monetary amount per bag of debris collected by the entire team. We hope to collect 100 bags of debris. You as the sponsor would owe whatever you pledged per bag of debris. You can sign up to pledge on April 1 & 15.

Later in May and early June we will hold our Share Sale! If we meet our goal with our first fundraiser we will not sell shares. If we fall short, you will have the opportunity to invest. Watch for more details.

Pre K & Kindergarten Sunday School Class



The 4 to 6 year old class is taught by Susan Hurley and Jeanne Colburn. Unlike the older classes, we do not follow the Lectionary that Pastor Link and Pastor Davis use in their preaching. Our children are a little too young to be able to associate what they learn in Sunday School with the theme of the Church sermon.

Instead we follow the Wee Believe curriculum of the Presbyterian Church, USA. Children this age like to color and do crafts, and this program allows them to do just that. We as teachers like it because we get to go outside the planned program and tailor it to our children's abilities. It gives us the freedom to be a little creative. We have most of our children for two years and get to know them pretty well in that time. It is fun to watch them develop new skills and rewarding to hear them repeat what a previous lesson has been about and to know they do listen and remember.



Our program is divided into seasons: fall, winter, and spring. This year the winter section, which we are using now, explores the family tree of Jesus from the time of Abraham and Sarah, continuing into the birth and early childhood of Jesus. The spring section will help the children understand the Lord's Prayer, God's promise to us as Christians, Baptism, and the Church as a family.

The best part of teaching this age group is how much we learn from them and from the lessons we prepare for them. They keep us on our toes. Each time we think we would like to quit, we find new reasons to stay, and most of them are five years old!

March Youth Ministry Schedule

MARCH 4 HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

FINE PRINT! Meet at Panera Bread directly after the second worship service—say around 12:30ish!

MARCH 11 SUNDAYS @5

MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

“HUMAN BOARD GAME NIGHT”



FINE PRINT! Join in the fun — we're playing Human Tick-Tack-Toe and Human Battleship! Players needed — All welcome!

MARCH 18 ALL YOUTH AND FAMILIES

“BOWLING AT APG” (2:30-5:00 PM)



FINE PRINT! We will meet at the Visitor's Center of APG at 2:30. Drivers need their driver's license, proof of auto insurance and car registration; we then will head to the alley on post. All the fun ends at 5:00. Cost is \$12 per person — if we get more than 12, the cost will decrease, so bring your friends and family! Let Pastor Chris know if you are attending.

MARCH 25 SUNDAYS @5 MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

“A DAY AT HARFORD REC CLIMBING WALL”



FINE PRINT! We will meet at Annie's Playground at 2:30. We then will walk to the climbing wall, where we will have the opportunity to climb until 5:00ish! The cost is \$5 if we have 20 climbers! Sign-up is required, so let Pastor Chris know if you are coming! There will be releases to fill out. If the weather is bad we will reschedule.

LOOKING AHEAD—

SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP June 17-21 2012

We are heading back to Colcord, WV to reconnect with West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Work Camps. Two travel days, two work days, one day white water rafting. Open to rising 9th graders through those completing 12th grade. See Pastor Chris for details.



FUN IN THE SON YOUTH CONFERENCE

June 25-29 2012



We will head to Ocean City, MD to connect with 600 other teens. Worship, small groups, fun and activities and BEACH TIME ALL AFTERNOON! Cost is \$400 per person. This trip is open to all completing 9th –12th grades. Contact Pastor Chris.

FPC Increases Commitment To Harford County's Needy

As Christians we are called to serve others. At First Presbyterian, we have a long history of supporting those in our community who find themselves in need. In addition to financial assistance to a number of Harford County organizations, we have answered this calling through the Deacons Fund, FPC food pantry, Care Night, Habitat for Humanity, the Shreffler House and numerous other ways.

Beginning April 7th and continuing on the 7th of even-numbered months, FPC will now be staffing FCCAU's (Faith Communities and Civic Agencies United) Welcome One Emergency Shelter, preparing dinner on the 7th and providing breakfast and bagged lunches for the 8th. On the surface, one often views a shelter for the homeless as just that, but FCCAU's Welcome One Shelter does so much more for their residents. After receiving a referral from Social Services, the shelter provides temporary housing for a maximum of 90 days. Each resident is assigned a case worker to begin developing a personalized plan for becoming self-sufficient. When necessary, residents are then assigned to one of FCCAU's transitional housing units (similar to our Shreffler House) as they continue their path back to self-sufficiency.

Each night, we need the following: a host and hostess from 4:30 PM until midnight, a host or hostess from midnight until 8 AM, four or five individuals to prepare dinner for approximately 40 people including the 31 residents, and one or two persons to come sometime during the evening to prepare 31 bagged lunches for the next day. The shelter has one or two staff members there daily from 4 PM to 8 AM to assist us as needed. Anyone not able to help in person, but wishing to help can provide items for dinner, lunch and/or breakfast. It is our hope we will have enough members volunteering that each individual will be needed only once or twice a year. A program coordinator (or co-coordinators) is also needed to assist in scheduling every other month. If you are interested in assisting in any capacity, please contact Jay Black or the church office at 410-838-5777

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?" And the King will answer them "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:37-40



Deacons' Corner

Your support for the Deacons' Fund is greatly appreciated.

We find ourselves once again asking for your help as funds are low. Know that one hundred percent of your donation will be used for those in need in our community during these challenging times.



Blessings, The Deacons



A new session of Grief Share will begin March 17 and continue through June 9. Meetings are held Saturday mornings at 10 AM in the Library. If you or someone you know has recently lost a relative or

friend, this program can be of help. For more information, contact the church office at 410-838-5777..

Faith Communities and Civic Agencies United presents a Bowl-a-Thon to

"Strike out Homelessness"

Trophies



Prizes

Saturday, April 21, 11 AM to 2 PM
Forest Hill Lanes
1 Maurice Drive, Forest Hill

For more information, please contact
Robert Meza at
410-272-2229 or 443-866-7979 (cell)
or robert@fccau.comcastbiz.net (email)

All pledges are due on the day of the event.
There is a \$15.00 registration fee per participant.
Registration deadline is March 23.

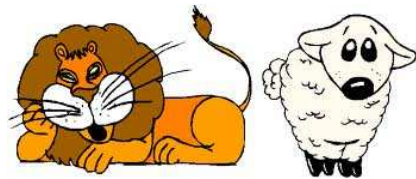
All proceeds will benefit our Havens of Hope Transitional Housing program. Havens of Hope is part of Faith Communities and Civic Agencies, Inc. (FCCAU) which operates the Welcome One Emergency Shelter. Havens of Hope is an 18 to 24 month program that offers support and services for a successful transition into independent living. Currently there are four locations in Harford County. Forms and additional information are available in the FPC office.



The Woman's Way

Moderator's Corner

The weather saying goes... "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." What will be our lion/lamb for this month? Will it be the weather, isolation, tax season, low mood, feeling useless?



The weather we have no control over, so let that go. (A trick I learned from a

former co-worker was to always have the ingredients to make chocolate chip cookies in the pantry. Almost nothing brightens a snow storm as much as making cookies.)

Tax season.... well, we can't do anything about that either. So grin and bear it (and maybe mutter under your breath if it makes you feel better).

The rest of the list...look to the PW and Church activities to lighten your mood. There are always people around with a smile and a suggestion on what to do.

Please read Mathew 5:9, James 2:15-16. The key idea for this lesson is: Jesus honors those who work for *shalom* as his own sisters and brothers, children of God.

Debbie Wieworka, Moderator

Church World Services Hygiene Kits



Presbyterian Women have been collecting items for the Church World Services (CWS) Hygiene Kits for the past month. There is still time to contribute items for the kits, which will be packed at the March Circle meetings. These kits are used in the face of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty. The kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families.

Please donate any of the following items or money:

- Hand towel (measuring approximately 16"x28")
- Wash cloth
- Wide tooth comb
- Nail clipper
- Bar soap (bath size in wrapper)
- Toothbrush (in original packaging) (Toothpaste is provided by CWS on an as-needed basis)
- Band-aids (6 regular size needed for one kit)

Look for the collection hamper in the Narthex. Thank you for your help, supplies, and support!



'Round the Circles - March

Ann Evans Circle will meet Monday, March 5, at noon in the Conference Room.

Dorcas/Annie Laurie Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 6, at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room.

Marjorie Gaines Circle will meet Saturday, March 3, at 9:30 AM in the Library.

PW Coordinating Team will meet Tuesday, March 20, at 9:15 AM in the Conference Room.

Presbyterian Women will host a Luncheon & Card Party



Wednesday, April 25
10 AM to 2PM
Legacy Hall
Donation \$18.00

Tickets may be obtained
from Carolyn Gandin,
Deadline is April 15.

If you have a sturdy card table that we may borrow for this event, please notify Ruth Howard, We will need them by Monday, April 23.



Somebody has well said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

Session Highlights

At the Stated Session meeting
February 14, 2012:



1. Meeting opened with prayer by Moderator Richard Link.
2. Led in devotions by Elder Jay Black, "Why is there evil in the world?"
3. Approved the minutes from the January 10, 2012 stated meeting.
4. Approved the e-mail minutes of January 11, 2012.
5. Approved the special Session minutes of January 22, 2012.
6. Approved the e-mail minutes of January 30, 2012.
7. Approved the Congregational Meeting minutes of February 5, 2012.
8. Approved the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on March 4, 2012.
9. Received the Treasurer's report. January receipts were \$250.22 over the approved budget.
10. Received the Deacons' report. New members were assigned to flocks.
11. Approved thanking the Deacons for hosting child care on February 11, 2012.
12. Received the Trustees' report. Awaiting a quote from D & D Scarborough for steeple repairs and repairs to Shreffler House roof. Chancel Choir and Bell Choir rooms will have new key pad locks installed. Many emergency lights failed a recent test. Stakes were placed around the grounds where the new trees are to be planted. Cleaning contract has been renewed with Service Master. Reviewing building use fee schedule.
13. Received the Clerk's report. Missing reports from the recent Congregational Meeting will be published and presented at the next Congregational Meeting. The Nominating Committee is scheduled to meet February 25, 2012. Need one Trustee, two Deacons, three Elders, and two at-large members of the Nominating Committee. Reviewing the 2011 expenses to identify areas of overspending.
14. Approved study leave for Pastor Richard L. Link for February 18 and 19, 2012. Associate Pastor Christopher E. Davis will lead worship on the 19th.
15. Presbytery Ministry Groups. There will be a meeting February 23, 2012 of the Harford Plus Ministry Group at FPC. This group is made up of Good Shepherd, Grove, Havre de Grace, Christ Our King, Fallston, Highland, Bethel, Deer Creek Harmony, Churchville, Franklinville, Chestnut Grove, and First of Bel Air.
16. Approved Way Fountain and Tina Vogelsong as Elder representatives to the Harford Plus Ministry group meeting.
17. Called a Congregational Meeting for April 15, 2012 at 9:30 AM. The docket will be presented for approval at the March Session meeting.
18. Sanctuary remodeling: still awaiting the electrical quote from Church Interiors.
19. Discussed fundraising. Establishing a subcommittee convened by Pastor Richard J. Link, meeting on March 20, 2012 at 7:30 PM. Committee to include Associate Pastor Christopher E. Davis and representatives from the Deacons; Trustees; Presbyterian Women; Christian Education, Parish Life, Mission and Stewardship, and Worship Ministry Teams; and other at-large members of the congregation.
20. Received the Associate Pastor's report. The Reverend Christopher E. Davis will serve Communion at the thirty hour famine retreat at Bethel Presbyterian Church.
21. Approved the youth day at the Harford Recreation Climbing Wall on March 25, 2012.
22. Approved the Summer Mission Trip to West Virginia, including fundraising, June 17 through June 21, 2012. Mission group will share stories in worship on June 24, 2012.
23. Approved the youth attending Fun in the Sun Conference in Ocean City, MD on June 25 -29, 2012.
24. Received the Pastor's report.
25. Served Communion to 37 at 8:30 and 124 at 11:30 on Sunday, February 5, 2012.
26. Received the Christian Education Ministry Team report.
27. Approved participating in the Susquehanna Heritage Greenway "River Sweep" on Saturday, April 21, 2012, to include doing a mission minute on April 1 and 15, 2012.
28. Received the Mission and Stewardship Ministry Team report. Approved a concert on March 31, 2012 to benefit FCCAU's Welcome One Emergency Shelter.
29. Parish Life Ministry Team report received.
30. Approved Sunday School time change on March 18, 2012 from 9:30 to 10:00 AM so everyone may attend the brunch.
31. Approved the selling of tickets February 26, March 4 and 11, 2012 for *Phantom of the Opera* Dinner Theater event on April 14, 2012.
32. Approved the fees for the Seder dinner at \$4.00 per person, with a maximum of \$10.00 per family.
33. Received the Worship Ministry Team report. Requesting that the Christmas and Easter memorials be published sooner than the day of the event.
34. The meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Chris Davis.
Robert L. Tayson, Clerk of Session



Theology on Tap

1st Wednesday of the month
March 7 — 7:30-9:00 PM
Sean Bolan's "Upper Room"

Good discussion, good fellowship, good stuff!
All welcome to attend!



Souper Bowl of Caring collected:
\$268.50 in cash and
+ - 50 food items

(plus donations from Sunday School)
All donations benefited the FPC food pantry.

Health Ministry: The Pain of the Spirit



We hear the term “Holistic Health,” and I wonder if we really include all of our being in that term. We all know about physical health and our mental health, and as some would say, our “inner peace,” but how about our spiritual health? Do you know what that means? How do you know if someone’s spirit is hurting? And what do you do about it if you do know?

Yes, the easy way is to send them to the Pastor or to a counselor, but many times it is difficult for someone to tell a person of God they are spiritually weak. Evading or postponing help can shut a door that might have been difficult to open. You don’t have to be a professional to meet spiritual needs.

Spiritual pain is heard in many ways, but most often in the form of a question. Why is God letting this happen to me? Where is God when I need Him? What’s the use? Is it really worth the effort? Then what? These are questions we hear many times, but when they are said with despair they are expressions of spiritual pain. It is easy to try to avoid answering, but it is our duty as Christians to at least attempt to do so. True help doesn’t come from us, but through us. A good start is to ask God to help you utter words of comfort.

The first and most important reaction is one of honesty and openness. Do not be critical or judgmental, but acknowledge we all have doubts at one time or another. Encourage the person to tell you what is causing their pain. Listen with an understanding heart and mind. Reassure God’s presence in their life, and then allow the person to clarify their feelings. Help them recognize emotions that may be at the core of their pain. Recognition can lead to understanding, then possible resolution.. Do not expect this to happen in a brief encounter, but keep the door open for future talks.

Having God in our life doesn’t assure we will not know pain in many forms. He did not promise an easy, stress-free life, but He did promise to guide us through adversity. We may lose sight of Him, but He never forsakes us. Without upheaval we would not know peace, without sadness we would not know joy, and without spiritual pain we would not know the glory of God’s holy love. So what do



we do when we are faced with spiritual pain, either our own or someone else’s? We pray. We call upon the only relief we have. We open our heart to God and allow Him to heal us. He is the only one who can supply all our spiritual needs and free us from our pain.

—Jeanne Colburn



We have been super busy at First Presbyterian Preschool! We just wrapped up our 2nd Scholastic Book Fair for the 2011-12 school year, and once again, celebrated much success....we sold over \$1,400 worth of books. Our preschoolers sure do love to read!

We also just wrapped up our annual vision screening, which was a fun day enjoyed by the students. We are currently celebrating St. Valentine's Day with class parties and a visit from the Extreme Balloon Man, which is always a favorite!

March will greet us with our spring parent-teacher conferences with progress reports and our class pictures as well. Of course, we will be studying and celebrating Easter as well, with Easter parties and egg hunts too. We will focus on the real reason of Easter in our religious education sessions with Pastor Chris, as well as with Eddie the Teddy. Before you know it, we'll be talking about plans for Graduation! Wow!



Our registration for the 2012-13 school year looks fantastic! All morning classes are full with a waiting list, and we have just a few spots left for our 5-day 4s, as well as our Prep program. Thanks for all of your referrals!

Blessings,
Terri Rhodes, Director

Patients Benefit from Spiritual Counseling (from Real Health Care, *The Washington Times*)



“Hospitalized patients who had conversations about religion and spirituality with their health care team were the most satisfied with their overall care” says a new University of Chicago study, based on more than 3,100 patient responses.

“Our findings suggest that physicians, nurses, health care organizations and pastoral care departments may address an unmet need and simultaneously improve patient satisfaction by talking to patients about religious and spiritual concerns in the inpatient setting,” says lead researcher Joshua Williams, whose research was published in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.

“Your body cannot heal without play. Your mind cannot heal without laughter. Your soul cannot heal without joy.”

—Catherine Fenwick, Canadian motivational speaker and author of *Love and Laughter: A Healing Journey*

T-News



Highlights of February 2, 2012 meeting:

Treasurer's Report

Remaining funds dedicated to Sanctuary renovation (approximately \$278,000) have been placed in a second BBT Business Investors account so as to make these funds readily available for expenditures without loss of interest earnings. The entire 2012 annual General Heating and Cooling inspection fee was paid in January.

Facilities Action Items:

Sanctuary

Emory Reed will arrange to have Scarborough Inc. do a thorough inspection of the exterior elements in the Sanctuary, Overflow Area, and Bell Tower as soon as possible. They will be asked to provide estimates of repair costs for current, as well as possibly latent, problems.

Shreffler House

Scarborough Inc. will also be requested to inspect and estimate cost for repair of what appear to be loose shingle nails on some areas of the roof.

LOF

Combination locks will be installed on doors to the Choir Room and Bell Choir Room. Signs will be placed on or near the doors to remind authorized users to close and lock doors when they leave. Exit sign batteries in the LOF Building need to be replaced; CREW will do this.

Education Building

No further reports of the outside door being propped open.

Grounds

Stakes have been implanted to designate tentative locations of Memorial Trees.

Other Items:

Five-Year Maintenance Plan

Emory Reed continues to work on the 5-year plan, with emphasis on Sanctuary exterior repairs.

FPC Property/Liability Insurance

Jim Kolch continues to work with Jane Gerbes on comparing costs of FPC's insurance. It had appeared that switching from Zurich to Sovereign Insurance would save a small amount, but it was discovered that Sovereign coverage may not include coverage presently provided by Zurich for FPC preschool operations.

Janitorial Service

Session now wishes to contract with our present service, Service Master, for a three-year period at no increase over last year's cost. The Trustees propose that an FPC volunteer or staff member be assigned to monitor and report on contractor performance periodically for each of the principal facilities areas. Trustees recommend declining the proposal of Service Master to 1) clean and polish the Legacy Hall stage floor (stage not used that much); 2) shampoo carpet in the Sanctuary and Overflow Area (carpet to be replaced during renovation). However, they do recommend that Service Master 3) shampoo carpet and clean and polish tiles in the LOF administrative offices, and 4) shampoo carpet in the Library and Conference Room. Debbie Myers will contact Saturday CREW to see if they will move furniture, saving the \$95/hour per person fee Service Master would charge.



CHURCH
CREW

CREW Activities, January 2012

Education Building

Replaced light in stairwell and outside security light. Adjusted closure on entry door. Removed two stained glass windows and stained the wood frames to match other windows. Repaired closure mechanism on three windows.

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Comcast installed new cable converter box so television in living room can receive programming.

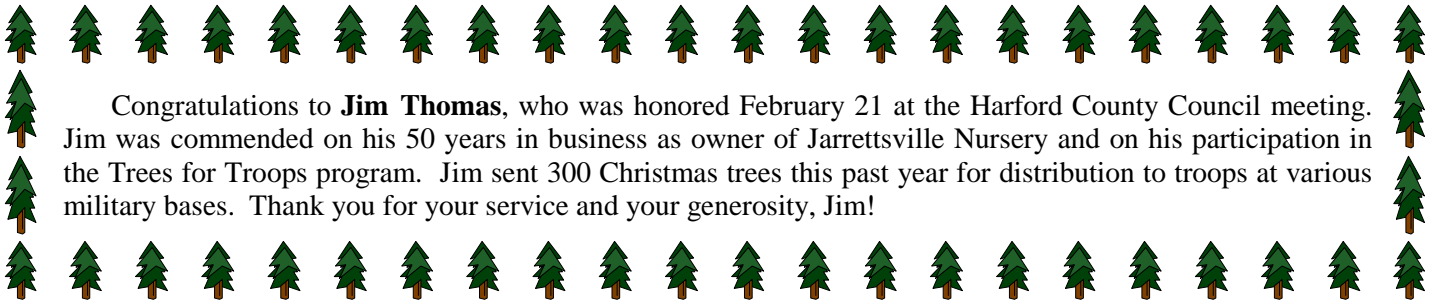
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Replaced lights in Conference Room, basement hallway, fixture next to office entry door. Replaced security light above walkway between Education Building and LOF Building. Repaired Conference Room kitchen sink spray fixture. Corrected problem with Debbie Myers' computer. Looked at Legacy Hall audio system speakers, found two bass speakers were positioned one behind the other on the left side of stage when they were installed; evaluating how to correct problem. Worked with Thyssenkrupp personnel in correcting noise from ceiling fan. Worked with Fireline personnel trying to correct problem with the fire monitoring system generating erroneous alarms as a result of a power failure. Need to order batteries for exit sign units that failed requirement to last 30 minutes during a power failure.

Sanctuary

Changed weekend time setting on Overflow Area thermostat to turn on at midnight Saturday and off at 11:30 AM Sunday. Removed old vinyl floor tiles in bathroom off the Sanctuary and did final preparation before installing new tiles. Measured for new support platform for new projector; will install when construction is complete.

— Paul Hipsley



Congratulations to **Jim Thomas**, who was honored February 21 at the Harford County Council meeting. Jim was commended on his 50 years in business as owner of Jarrettsville Nursery and on his participation in the Trees for Troops program. Jim sent 300 Christmas trees this past year for distribution to troops at various military bases. Thank you for your service and your generosity, Jim!



Our preschool has decided to continue the Campbells Labels for Education Program as a fundraiser for the next school year. So as you use Campbell, Swanson products, cut off the label that looks similar to the one shown here. The labels are worth points that can be turned into items for the preschool to use to enhance their program. A box for your labels is available in the office. You can see from the example that the labels are usually found near the upc bar code. Remember that Swanson, V8, Prego, Pepperidge Farm and Spaghetios are also Campbell brands.



The Green Corner

Could you ever imagine that you could help save energy and God's gift of planet Earth just by the flip of a switch? It is true.

We can save energy—and money—just by turning off lights that we are not using.

So you are empowered if you see lights left on in our church buildings, and no one is in the room, to turn off the lights.

We issue a caution though. Please make sure no one

actually is in the room before turning off the lights. Lights are sometimes turned off in a rest room when someone is there. So be cautious in turning out lights.

There are lights on our Education Building that are on all the time. These lights are not on timers that turn them off in the day time. We need to work on a solution to this.

But in the meantime, let's all conserve energy at our church and in homes by turning off lights that do not need to be on. We'll be doing a small part in keeping our planet green.

CALENDAR FOR: MARCH



- Thursday 1 1 PM Friendship Stitchery, Room C
7 PM Deacons, Conference Room
7:30 PM Trustees, Room B
- Friday 2 Picture Taking for Directory, Conference Room
- Saturday 3 9:30 AM Marjorie Gaines Circle, Library
Picture Taking for Directory, Conference Room
- Sunday 4 Food Pantry Sunday
12:30 PM, High School Fellowship, Panera
- Monday 5 12 noon Ann Evans Circle, Conference Room
- Tuesday 6 10 AM Dorcas/Annie Laurie Circle, Conference Room
- Wednesday 7 7:30 PM, Theology on Tap, Sean Bolan's
- Sunday 11 Sundays@5 Human Board Game Night
Club 45
- Monday 12 **Ecclesia Deadline**
- Tuesday 13 7 PM Shreffler House Care Team, Conference Room
7:30 PM Session, Conference Room
- Wednesday 14 12 Noon, Old Enough Club, Conference Room
- Thursday 15 1 PM Friendship Stitchery, Room C
- Sunday 18 9-11 AM, Parish Life Breakfast, Legacy Hall
2:30-5 PM, All Youth and Families, Bowling at APG
- Tuesday 20 9:15 AM PW Coordinating Team, Conference Room
- Wednesday 21 Ecclesia Mailing Crew
- Sunday 25 Sundays@5 & High School Fellowship, Climbing Wall
- Monday 26 7 PM Book Club, Library
- Tuesday 27 7:30 PM Ministry Teams, LOF

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Sunday -
 Worship, 8:30 and 11 AM,
 The Lord's Supper on the first
 Sunday, both Worship Services
 Children's Choir Rehearsal,
 9 AM, Room 13
 Sunday School, 9:30 AM
 First Café between Worship
 Services
 Blood pressure checks every 2nd
 and 4th Sundays
 Sundays@5 Middle School
 Fellowship, 5 PM, 2nd and 4th
 Sundays
 Club 45, Second Sunday, 5 PM
 High School Fellowship, 1st
 Sunday, 12:15 @ Panera
- Monday -**
 CREW, 8:30 AM
 Sports Fitness, 7 PM
- Wednesday -**
 Bell Choir, 6:30 PM
 Chancel Choir, 7:30 PM
- Thursday**
 Bible Study 10 AM
- Friday -**
 Sports Fitness, 7 PM