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PASTOR'S MESSAGE



We have received some inquiries and are happy to offer new members classes. The plan is to begin the classes on February 8th after church in the Westminster room. Child care will be provided. We will be contacting those who have expressed interest but anyone is welcome to attend. We have three sessions planned for February 8th, 15th and 22nd. The sessions usually last ~30 minutes. The areas we will cover are the history of the Presbyterian Church, the form of the Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church's beliefs regarding the sacraments.

A reminder for those who are unable to attend a service; our services are posted on line by 2:00 pm on most Sundays. The services are provided both in audio and video format. The services can be found at www.soopresbyterian.org. The weekly bulletin and monthly church newsletter can also be found on our website.

We are reminded each day we live in a world that is much different than it was a decade ago. One thing that has changed is the information we as a

church can have about members in the hospital. With the new Hipaa laws, hospitals are constrained about what information they can share. If you are in the hospital and would like us to know, please either contact us or have a family member or friend do so.

We are looking forward to the coming year and are thankful for those who have chosen to give in the particular way of serving on our church boards; session, trustees and deacons. The Presbyterian Church is built on the willingness of individuals to serve in such capacities. Please pray for us and for all the officers of the church as we look forward to 2015.

Peace in Christ,
Mark



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The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:
Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit

Receive your newsletter by email and in color, too. Call the office to find out how!



Prayer Requests

Family of Marilyn Amarose, family of Dorothy Hill, Carl Smart, Pat Whyte, Kady Love, Terry Begnoche, Kalan Mason, Terry East and her husband, Jim Schmidt, Delphine Porter, Don Dagnal, Linda Boogerd, Ruth Thesing, Dorothy Smart, Gina Gough, Colleen Sibbald, Ruth Puska, Margaret Olson, Robert Jewell, Judy Knutsen, Ellen Woodgate, Jane Kellan, Susan Brock, William Kellan, Bea Woodgate, Wendy (Menard) James, Glen Tompkins, Margaret Vonderwerth and her family, and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.

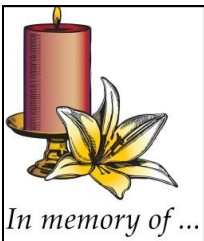


SUNDAY

FEBRUARY

15TH

Carol Rohweder



Marilyn Amarose
1/04/15
Dorothy Hill
01/14/15

In memory of ...

Need a Ride to Church?



Jeanne Shibley



Food Pantry

**Mary Moran
and
Cindy Howson**



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

**Freighter View Assisted Living
605 West Portage Avenue**

Emily Hamilton
Jane Kellan
Margaret Olson
Ruth Puska

**WMH Long Term Care
500 Osborn Boulevard**

Lois Myers

Tendercare— Sault Ste Marie

1011 Meridian

Jim Schmidt

Out of Town

Della Porter

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Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Dorthea Allen

Michigan Masonic Home
1200 Wright, Room 167

Alma, MI 48801

June MacInnis

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Petoskey, MI 49770

Jean Smith

150 East Church Street
P. O. Box 250
Pickford, MI 49774

At Home

Bea Woodgate
1008 Johnston Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

**Hearthside Assisted Living
1501 W 6th Avenue**

David Shaw

**McKinley Manor
2023 West 4th Avenue**

Vera Steffens
Lois Holton
Jeanne Gantz



**Our Sunday
Worship Service
starts at 10:00 a.m.
We hope to see you on
Sunday!**



At our February 22nd worship service we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together as one body of Christ.



Clothing Drive

The Deacons' Winter Clothing Drive was a success! The collection of winter clothing included coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and boots for men and women (all sizes), that were brought in by members of our congregation. The items have been and will continue to be distributed to those in need. Thank you to all who have donated so generously already!



Communion Service

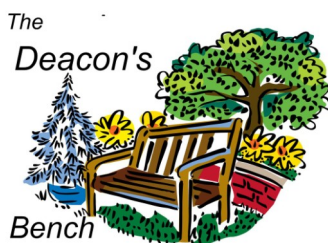
Need a Ride to Church?



Don't let the lack of a ride keep you from attending church services or events! If you need a ride, either occasionally or on a regular basis, please call the church office at 632-7771. The Deacons will arrange a pick up time for you.



We will celebrate Ash Wednesday Services on February 18th with a potluck meal at 6:00 pm and a worship service at 7:00 pm.



HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone's new year has started off with good health, blessings and a whole dose of gratitude for the joys and trials of 2014. Now that Christmas is over, the Deacons are pleased to announce a whole new year ahead full of new joys, challenges, maybe even a surprise or two.

We were honored to start the year off by delivering bags of mittens, hats and scarves to Lincoln, Washington and Soo Township Schools. Our heavily laden mitten tree bore a total of 117 bits of warmth for our elementary students!

We are thrilled to welcome some new deacons this month. Please welcome Ginger Stratton, Jaymie Guzzo, Doris Boogerd, and Cathy Akre. We are grateful to have such a wonderful group of deacons to add to our numbers.

Lent is almost upon us so be ready for some meaningful worship services and an opportunity to fellowship with others at potluck dinners for Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. It is a great time to gather as Christians and friends to celebrate our faith. See you there!

Carol Rohweder, Deacon Chairman

february anniversaries

Ronald and Joyce Cross 02/04



JOINT COMMITTEE
MEETING

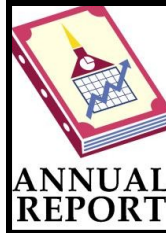
Special reminder to Session, Trustees, and Deacons that we will be joining together for dinner and then our separate meetings on Monday, February 16. Dinner will be provided and beginning at 5:30 pm. This will be a time for us to fellowship together before taking care of the business at hand! Please mark your calendars.

Session **will not** meet on Tuesday, February 17th.



Installation
of
Officers

Join us in worship on Sunday, February 1st as we install our new officers to the service of our church!



The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, January 25, and the Annual Report of church finances and activities were presented to the congregation.

Extra copies of the Annual Report are available in the church office. If you would like a copy of the report mailed to you, please contact the office.



“Forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV



Which Jericho woman hid the two Israelite spies, and where did she hide them?

- A. Joanna, in her stable
- B. Bathsheba, at her neighbor’s house
- C. Milkah, under a pile of blankets
- D. Rahab, on her roof

Answer: See Joshua 2:3, 6.

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| Margaret Money | 02/01 |
| Jan Jobes | 02/02 |
| Daniel Reattoir | 02/02 |
| Fred Amarose | 02/03 |
| Donna Blair | 02/03 |
| Paul Stanaway | 02/04 |
| Marion Osborn | 02/05 |
| Marjorie Johnston | 02/06 |
| John Wilson | 02/07 |
| Trudy Campbell | 02/10 |
| Gabrielle Gorsuch | 02/10 |
| Barbara Kenn | 02/10 |
| Sascha Kuenzer | 02/10 |



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| Andrew Robbins | 02/11 |
| Hailey Smart | 02/12 |
| Sophia Welles | 02/13 |
| Piper Bernier | 02/14 |
| Cole Lussier | 02/14 |

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| Matthew Bernier | 02/15 |
| Doris Boogerd | 02/17 |
| Madeline Capling | 02/17 |
| Andrew Bernier | 02/20 |
| Andrea Abbott | 02/21 |
| Robert Ferguson | 02/21 |
| Joan Hill | 02/23 |
| Carl Hodges | 02/24 |
| Sharon Sheppard | 02/24 |
| Alyvia Lori | 02/25 |
| Jacqueline Tastor | 02/27 |
| Nicholas Vaught | 02/27 |
| David Whyte | 02/29 |



Be Aware

Today at the FUPC we sang a hymn titled, “Be Aware of Wonder.” I thought we were a little ahead of time, season wise, since we have had well over one hundred inches of snow here in Sault Ste. Marie beginning in November.

I think we have all seen a glowing sunset, and the first few days of spring and the beauty spring provides. Maybe it is too early for us to see the green, green grass of home but we can envision what spring time maybe in early March or April.

The song went like this: “Have you ever seen the beauty in the first new bloom of spring? Have you ever known the peace that a sunset glow can bring? If you seek the Lord in beauty, you have not far to go, Let me show you. God is there. Be aware, Be aware, of God's wonder; Be aware, Be aware, Be aware, of all God's – work. - Be aware, Be aware, Be aware, Be aware, and the treasure. The beauty, the marvel and the joy, shall be yours, my friend, shall be yours”.

Remembering what the shipping season is like with empty cargo's heading west from the Soo Locks, and fully loaded upon their return. Whether it be taconite iron ore pellets headed for steel plants, or wheat going off shore, the hubbub of activity is a sure sign of spring.

The song goes ahead and repeats itself, but you fully understand what is being written for each and every one of us.

We can be thankful to God for all of the beauty and bounty we have in the greatest country on earth. Yes God has been the provider since we settled America in early 1600. No country has been blessed like our nation, regardless of the season. Be aware of wonder!

This song has haunted me and I had to get my feelings conveyed to you.

Don Myers, CRE



The Northland Barbershop Chorus joined our worship service on Sunday, January 18th, and sang several selections. The men also entertained during a chili lunch served by the church choir. Thanks for sharing your joyful voices with us!



"The sign company delivered it by mistake, but we decided to keep it."





Presbytery Meeting

Saturday, February 21, 2015

The Presbytery of Mackinac will hold their first meeting of 2015 here in Sault Ste. Marie. This is a special meeting as Brenda Ransom will be commissioned by the Presbytery and will be a Commissioned Lay Pastor (now called Commissioned Ruling Elder) She has been working the last 4 years towards this goal. To help welcome the Presbytery members, we will hold a cleaning bee on Monday, February 16 beginning at 9:00 am. If you can come for a few hours, your hands and help would be much appreciated! Please bring your cleaning gear and come and join us!

[RSVP ONLINE](#)

www.presbymac.com



Soo Theatre Project and the Elks present

"Murder at Mardi Gras"

Saturday and Sunday evenings, February 14 and 15 at the Elks Club, 1111 E. Portage Avenue.

Seating and cocktails at 5:30pm (cash bar available), dinner at 6pm. The show begins at 6:45pm.

Tentative menu includes Jambalaya or salad to start, Creole fried chicken or Cajun shrimp, red beans and rice, corn bread, non-alcoholic beverage and King Cake for dessert.

Tickets are \$30. This is a fund raiser for the Soo Theatre Project. Tickets available at the Soo Theatre soon. 906-632-1930.



Membership Classes being offered.

We have three sessions planned for February 8th, 15th and 22nd. The sessions usually last ~30 minutes. The areas we will cover are the history of the Presbyterian Church, the form of the Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church's beliefs regarding the sacraments.

Anyone interested contact Rev. Mark Gabbard or the church office at 632-7771 or email us at office@soopresbyterian.org.

Congratulations Brenda Ransom

Presbytery Meeting

Saturday, February 21, 2015

At the First United Presbyterian Church

Brenda will be Commissioned as a

Commissioned Lay Pastor



**Winter
Farmer's Market**

Sault Winter Farmers' Market at Bayliss Library

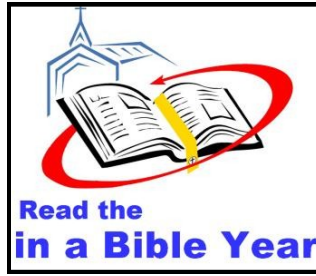
Saturdays, from 9:30am - 12:30pm., until Saturday, April 25, 2015

Location: 541 Library Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Bayliss Public Library, a member of the Superior District Library, and MSU Extension, Greening Michigan Institute, present their fourth annual Winter Farmer's Market Saturday mornings at the library in the community room.

For more information, contact the Bayliss Library at 906-632-9331, MSU Extension at 906-635-6368 or ssm.farmersmarket@gmail.com or check Facebook and www.baylisslibrary.org. **Think Local, Buy Local, Be Local!**

February



Greeters

Doreen Gordon

and

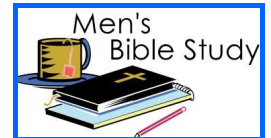
Michelle Markstrom

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| 1 | Luke 23:1-25 | Genesis 41 | Psalms 32 |
| 2 | Luke 23:26-56 | Genesis 42 | Psalms 33 |
| 3 | Luke 24:1-12 | Genesis 43 | Psalms 34 |
| 4 | Luke 24:13-53 | Genesis 44 | Psalms 35 |
| 5 | Hebrews 1 | Genesis 45:1-46:27 | Psalms 36 |
| 6 | Hebrews 2 | Genesis 46:28-47:31 | Psalms 37 |
| 7 | Hebrews 3:1-4:13 | Genesis 48 | Psalms 38 |
| 8 | Hebrews 4:14-6:12 | Genesis 49-50 | Psalms 39 |
| 9 | Hebrews 6:13-20 | Exodus 1-2 | Psalms 40 |
| 10 | Hebrews 7 | Exodus 3-4 | Psalms 41 |
| 11 | Hebrews 8 | Exodus 5:1-6:27 | Proverbs 1 |
| 12 | Hebrews 9:1-22 | Exodus 6:28-8:32 | Proverbs 2 |
| 13 | Hebrews 9:23-10:18 | Exodus 9-10 | Proverbs 3 |
| 14 | Hebrews 10:19-39 | Exodus 11-12 | Proverbs 4 |
| 15 | Hebrews 11:1-22 | Exodus 13-14 | Proverbs 5 |
| 16 | Hebrews 11:23-40 | Exodus 15 | Proverbs 6:1-7:5 |
| 17 | Hebrews 12 | Exodus 16-17 | Proverbs 7:6-27 |
| 18 | Hebrews 13 | Exodus 18-19 | Proverbs 8 |
| 19 | Matthew 1 | Exodus 20-21 | Proverbs 9 |
| 20 | Matthew 2 | Exodus 22-23 | Proverbs 10 |
| 21 | Matthew 3 | Exodus 24 | Proverbs 11 |
| 22 | Matthew 4 | Exodus 25-27 | Proverbs 12 |
| 23 | Matthew 5:1-20 | Exodus 28-29 | Proverbs 13 |
| 24 | Matthew 5:21-48 | Exodus 30-32 | Proverbs 14 |
| 25 | Matthew 6:1-18 | Exodus 33-34 | Proverbs 15 |
| 26 | Matthew 6:19-34 | Exodus 35-36 | Proverbs 16 |
| 27 | Matthew 7 | Exodus 37-38 | Proverbs 17 |
| 28 | Matthew 8:1-13 | Exodus 39-40 | Proverbs 18 |



**Deacon's
Corner**

The next Deacon's Meeting will be held on February 15th after the Worship Service!



**Men's
Bible Study**

Men's Bible Study every Friday morning at 9:00 am.

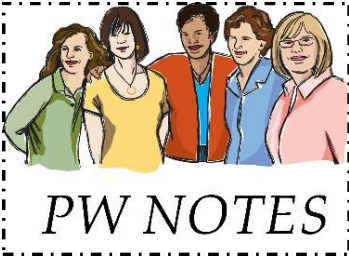
All men are welcome to join us!



**Women's
Bible Study**

Every Wednesday morning in the Library at 9:30 am.

All ladies are welcome to join us.



PW NOTES



The next P.W. meeting will be a luncheon meeting on March 1, 2015 at Applebee's after the Worship Service.



We are missing one of the new long tables from the Social Hall, it has a dark wood grain finish. Please return it to the Church, we are not leaving the white table cloths on (will use for special occasions) and it is important to have the missing one table to complete the unity of the room.



**February 12th
at 9:30 am.**



We've got a new supply of Dish Cloths!
Colors to match every kitchen:
Only \$1.00 each!
Available in the church office.



The Ultimate Cloth
-just what you need for your next cleaning project!
Cleans with only water
-no soap, no cleanser, no detergent, no sprays-
Works on all surfaces, including your car -inside & out!
Get yours at the church office
\$6.00 each or 5 for \$25.00



Ladies Coffee Hour
Tuesday at 9:30 am
February 17th (the 3rd Tuesday),
All ladies are welcome to join us for an informal gathering.



The Coordinating Team announces with regret that we are unable to have our Annual Valentine Luncheon this year. We have held this event each year since being in our new church. It was started as a fundraiser initiated by Kay Sanderson to purchase Candelabrum for special services. We are unable to find persons to Chair this event.

Hopefully we can continue our other fundraising projects that we have committed to. We took over many of these missions from the church General Fund many years ago. We continue to support the CHURCH as well as local organizations; Diane Pepler, Hospice, Road to Recovery, Sault High grad party, Boy Scouts, Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen, Sault Coast Guard Center, VBS, Bay Cliff Health Camp, and Presbytery Point.



Free to the Community

Feb 6 - 27, 2015

This event occurs every Friday

from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

We will be hosting a FREE

Blood Pressure, Weight and BMI (body mass index), Heart Rate, Oxygen Saturation Levels, Cholesterol and Blood Sugar screening.

Cardiac Rehab Dept is located in the rear of the hospital, enter off the Nolte Street Entrance. Please come **FASTING** nothing to eat or drink after 10pm the night prior.

Contact & More Info

Contact: Cardiac Rehab Dept.

Phone: (906) 635-4471



American Legion Post 3 Auxiliary cordially invites you to attend the 88th Annual George Washington Tea in honor of Gold and Blue Star Mothers and Women Veterans

Saturday, February 21, 2015

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 3



Year-to 1/31/15 offerings \$14,197

Year to 1/31/15 expenses \$13,539

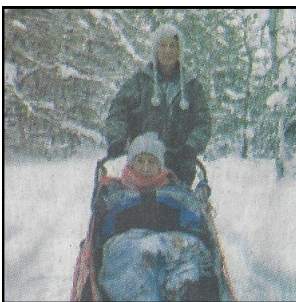


Come join us for the 47th Annual International I-500 Snowmobile Race and experience all the thrills of NASCAR on a one-mile oval ice track.

Mark your calendar for the weekend of **February 7, 2015** and get ready for the thrill of a lifetime!!!

Please check out the [I-500](#) website for further updated information on the 2015 47th Annual I-500 Snowmobile Race.

For more information you can email soo_international@yahoo.com



Suzanne Stevenson enjoying her Christmas present.

Nature's Kennel Sled Dog Adventures and Tahquamenon Falls State Park present an amazing opportunity to view the lower falls of the Tahquamenon River this winter!

Sled dog rides to the viewing area of the lower falls take place on Thursdays in February: February 5, February 12, February 19, and February 26.

The Tahquamenon Falls Adventure is one hour in length. It includes a scenic dog sled ride through the state park and a stop for hot chocolate and photos at the lower falls viewing platform.

Cost is \$150 per sled. A sled accommodates two adults OR one adult & two children.

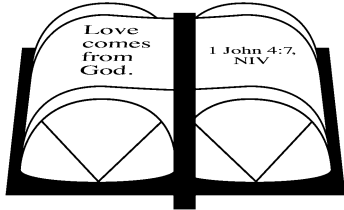
Rides take place on the hour from 10 am – 3 pm. Rides begin and end at the Lower Falls Parking Lot. Reservations are highly recommended. Payment must be made in full at the time

of the reservation. A Michigan Recreation Passport is required. Call 906-748-0513 or email info@natureskennel.com for reservation information.

GOD'S

SWEET WORD

Share this Bible treat — and God's love — with a special valentine.

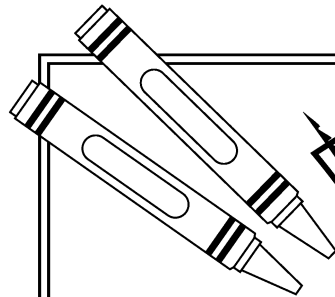


What you need:

- Black card stock or construction paper (2" x 1.5")
- Double-sided tape
- 2 wrapped Hershey's Nuggets candy bars (silver or gold)
- Pen or marker
- White paper (2.75" x 1")
- Thin sliver of red paper or ribbon
- Scissors

What you do:

1. In the center of the black paper, tape down the candy bars side by side.
2. On the white paper, write a short Bible verse about love. Then wrap it around the candy bars horizontally and tape it down.
3. Place the red paper or ribbon between the two candy bars, and tape the top of this "bookmark" to the Bible.
4. Give away this fun, sweet message of God's love!

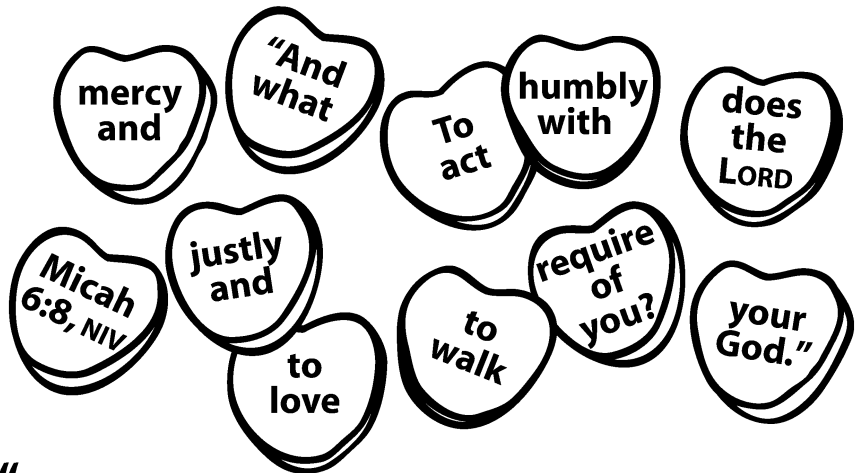


PUZZLE

Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.

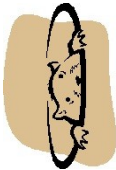








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_____ ? _____

_____ " _____ 6:8 , _____

Answer: "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8, NIV

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|--|------------------------------------|---|
| 1 Officer Installation 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:30a Coffee and Cookies 12:00a Soup Kitchen | 2 Groundhog Day 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp  | 3 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry | 4 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal | 5  | 6 9:00a Men's Study Grp | 7 I-500 Race 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A. |
| 8 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:30a Christian Education Mtg 12:00a Soup Kitchen | 9 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp | 10 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry | 11 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal | 12 9:30a Circle 3 Meeting  | 13 9:00a Men's Study Grp | 14 Valentine's Day 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.  |
| 15 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacon's Meeting (Library) 12:00p Soup Kitchen 2:00p Cub Scout Ceremony 2:00p Freighter's View | 16 5:30p Joint Meeting (SH) 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp  | 17 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry 9:30a Ladies Coffee Hour | 18 Ash Wednesday 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Lenten Potluck 7:00p Worship Service | 19 | 20 9:00a Men's Study Grp | 21 Presbytery Meeting 9:00a Presbytery Mtg 7:00p A.A.  |
| 22 First Sunday in Lent 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship/Communion 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Soup Kitchen  | 23 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp | 24 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry | 25 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal | 26 6:00p Boy Scout Leader Meeting | 27 9:00a Men's Study Grp | 28 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A. |

FEBRUARY

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday

(closed 11:30-12)

Sunday Worship Schedule

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School (all grades) 10:00 a.m.

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister

Don Myers, CRE

Kay Boyne, Music Director

Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant

Jesse Witte, Sexton

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**Deadline for March issue:
February 16th**

FEBRUARY EVENTS

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| <i>FUPC Officer Installation</i> | <i>Sunday, February 1, 2015</i> | |
| <i>Membership Classes</i> | | |
| <i>Joint Committee Meeting</i> | <i>Monday, February 16, 2015</i> | <i>5:30 pm</i> |
| <i>Lenten Potluck</i> | <i>Wednesday, February 18, 2015</i> | <i>6:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Ash Wednesday Service</i> | <i>Wednesday, February 18, 2015</i> | <i>7:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Presbytery Meeting</i> | <i>Saturday, February 21, 2015</i> | |
| <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> | <i>Sunday, February 22, 2015</i> | |
| <i>Communion Service</i> | <i>Sunday, February 22, 2015</i> | |

