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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH UPDATE

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Beginning in
January 2007, the
church office will be
open on Fridays from
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The monthly newsletter of First Presbyterian Church

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

WORSHIP/CLASSES

Sundays:
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Education Programs
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sanctuary
Wednesdays:
5:30 p.m. Vespers

Please submit all information for inclusion in
the newsletter to the church office to Cindy at
the **e-mail address** listed above.

Editorial Coordinator and
Production-Cindy Cass

Holiday Craft and Bake Sale was A Huge Success!

Many, many thanks to all of you who donated craft items,
baked goods and even your time to make the sale such a huge
success! The sale brought in over \$1000 dollars to be used
toward church expenses.
Since we did so well with this, let's start planning our
Spring Rummage Sale!
More information will be coming soon on the next big sale so
keep your eyes peeled to upcoming newsletters and flyers that
will be posted around the church.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Pastors Column

We wore the pastor out.....look for the next Pastors Column in the February issue.



Dear First Presbyterian Members,

Before Mr. & Mrs. Claus left on December 26, for their annual South Pole vacation, they asked me to convey their sincere thanks for the gifts you collected for the children of prison inmates and children who came to our food pantry in December. They also appreciate your on-going work to help Springfield's most vulnerable citizens, including the homeless, stay warm this winter by providing mittens, hats, sleeping bags, hand warmers, and other useful items. The crew here at the North Pole works diligently to provide some happiness and joy to children at Christmas, and we greatly appreciate the work of kindred spirits like you. No kindness bestowed upon a fellow human being is ever wasted. Many thanks.



Peace and Happiness,
Clarence
Official Corresponding Secretary

ACE's VISITS WITH MARTIN MARTY

ACE's announces its January and February program as we visit through videos with Martin Marty. Professor Marty, one of the best know theologians in the country, will tell how Christianity has changed over the last century and where it may go in the present century. The topics covered during the four Sundays in January and the first two Sundays in February are: Faith beyond Reason, Quest for Identity, Right and Wrong, Good and Evil, Making Life Count and Building God's Kingdom. The videos are less than a half an hour long leaving plenty of time for discussion and digestion of the ideas put in play.

What a great way to start off the New Year, learning more about our faith and growing in faith as we discover the ever expanding depth of the mystery and love which God gives to us.

Come Join the ACE's for another dimension of First Church – **Sundays at Nine in the Library**

Meals on Wheels

It is that time of year again for First Pres Church to have an opportunity to deliver meals for the Red Cross. Many of the people that we deliver to would not be able to stay in their own homes if it were not for people like you to take the meals to them. How long it takes depends on the route that you have, usually it requires about 1 ½ hours to pick up the meals, deliver them, and get the ovens back to the Red Cross. Sometimes members wonder how they can provide some ministry to the Springfield Community – this is one way that you can do that. There is a signup sheet on the window of the old office by Fellowship Hall. Our week to deliver is February 19 through the 23rd. This is a short week, so let's see if we can cover all 14 routes each day. If you have not done this before, it is suggested that you find someone to ride with you – one to drive and one to deliver the meals. If you would like, you may call the office at 528-4311 and Cindy will put your name down for you. Any questions?? You can also call Mary Patton at 546-4645.



*Kasavada
Cindy Patton*

Deacon's requested item for Food Pantry: Peanut butter

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Peanut butter is a food made of roasted and ground peanuts, usually salted and sweetened. It is commonly sold in grocery stores, but can be made at home. Many styles are available; the most popular are creamy (smooth) and crunchy (with small chunks of peanuts), but honey-roasted, whole-nut varieties, varieties mixed with chocolate, and other variations can also be found. Creamy peanut butter is made by grinding all of the mixture very finely. The crunchier styles are either more coarsely ground or have larger pieces of peanut added back into the mixture after grinding.

Trivia

- The Dutch peanut butter is very different from its international counterpart. It is sharp instead of sweet and most people say it has a similar taste to that of [Satay](#) sauce. This peanut butter is called "pindakaas," literally translated as "peanut cheese." The Dutch gave their peanut butter this name because the word "butter" was protected by law, so they had to look for another name.
- On May 15, 1963, U.S. astronaut Gordon Cooper ate some bite-sized peanut butter sandwiches in the last and longest Mercury mission. He carried 2,369 kcal (9,919 kJ) of food at launch and consumed only 696 kcal (2,914 kJ). He did not like the cubed food. His flight lasted 34 hours, 19 minutes and 49 seconds.
- In 2002, an intentionally irreverent pseudo-scientific paper was published establishing that "Peanut Butter has no effect on the rotation of the Earth."
- The [Fluffernutter](#) is a sandwich made with peanut butter and marshmallow creme, preferably the Fluff brand.
- One of the favorite foods of Elvis Presley was a fried peanut butter and banana sandwich.
- [Arachibutyrophobia](#) is the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth.
- An outdoor bird feeder is often made from a pine cone smeared with peanut butter and covered with birdseed.
- Creamy peanut butter is often used to remove chewing gum from clothing and hair.
- March 1991, Skippy Peanut Butter introduced the "peanut on top," which was copied by many companies later on. Frank Duyvelshoff of Product Research was given credit.
- The hydrogenated oil in most peanut butter brands is not usually made from peanut oil but from cheaper vegetable oils such as soybean, canola and cottonseed.
- In the U.S., March 1 is National Peanut Butter Lover's Day and March is National Peanut Month.
- In 2004, University of Georgia scientists developed a peanut butter dispenser to make peanut butter sandwiches. It looks like a hand-held, bulk tape dispenser and squirts out peanut butter in sheets.
- Some peanut butter brands have been sold in decorative glass containers that could be used as drinking glasses. Boscul Peanut Butter glasses from the 1950's are sought after by collectors.
- On the UK show [Brainiac](#), peanut butter was found to be a better emergency shaving cream than whipped cream and other alternatives.
Peanut Butter Jelly Time is a famous Internet cartoon.

Pancake brunchy was Great Fun!

If you liked the pancakes at the Pancake Brunch on December 10, it is understandable because the flour came from ole Minnesota where all good pancake mix comes from. If you would like to try this fine Sturdiwheat mix on your griddle, the number to call is 1-800-201-9650 and they will send it to you with a bill enclosed. Or, you can write to order from Sturdiwheat Inc., Red Wing, Minnesota 55066. The two Pancake Chefs, Jim Patton and Roy Wehrle hope that all of our church family had a Merry Christmas!

Children and

The Christian Nurture committee would like to extend their appreciation to **Caroline Cunningham** for her service as chairperson! We appreciate all your hard work in this ministry. As Caroline is leaving, **Chris Young** will serve as the new chairperson. Thank you, Chris, for volunteering to fill Caroline's shoes!

Co-Directors of Youth and Family Ministries, along with the Christian Nurture committee, would like to send a big THANK YOU to those of you who volunteered their time, skills, and goods to the youth Christmas pageant and brunch. Special appreciation to **Roy and Joann Wehrle** and **Jim Patton** for cooking up the delicious pancakes! Also, appreciation goes out to **Susan Harris** whom dedicated her musical talents to our pageant. Both the pageant and brunch were a success with the help of First Presbyterian Volunteers!!

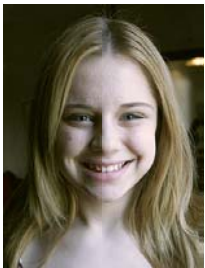
A Thank You from Martha Eberle

Thank you so much for the care package you sent me – it was perfect – all the essentials. I am beginning my senior anthropology thesis this semester, so I don't have much time to go shopping. I will be graduating in the Spring, I can't wait! My plans thereafter are wide open. I hope everyone there has a wonderful holiday season and I regret that I won't be there to share it with you.

SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Ellen Anna Linderman was born on June 6, 1993. She is the daughter of Vic and Cheryl Linderman. She is a graduate of the 2006 confirmand class at First Presbyterian Church. She enjoys basketball, art, music, and hanging out with friends during her free time.



Tawna Kaitlyn Wright was born on July 17, 1992. She is the daughter of Steven Wright, and a graduate of the 2006 confirmand class at First Presbyterian Church. She is enthusiastic about cheerleading at her high school and enjoys practicing as much as performing cheers. She also enjoys hanging out with her friends, when school and cheerleading are not demanding her time!



Emma Lacey Frederick celebrates her birthday on December 19, 1992! She is the daughter of Jeri Frederick, and a graduate of the 2006 confirmand class at First Presbyterian Church. She has completed certification in babysitting recently and enjoys babysitting during her free time. She also loves to sing, swim, and has a passion for animals.



MacKinze Rae Hughes was born on October 27, 1991. She is the granddaughter of Marian Worthy, and a graduate of the 2006 confirmand class at First Presbyterian Church. Her nickname is Peanut! She enjoys playing volleyball and has an interest in music.



Lillie Marie Anderson was born on February 11, 1994. She is the daughter of Karen Anderson, and a graduate of the 2006 confirmand class at First Presbyterian Church. She loves animals and playing in the rain. You might find her playing a game of volleyball, but her main passion is writing.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Chris Young".

Social Service Ministries:

Did you know that a trained volunteer operates a social service desk four mornings a week (next to the Deacon's Food Pantry) to help people who come to our church with needs of every sort? This program, currently known as the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, receives \$300 a month from Session, in addition to other contributions from church members. Of this, \$100 is allotted to gas vouchers and another \$75 dollars to bus tokens, all primarily used for people who are working or looking for work. Referrals to other agencies, along with personal and budgeting counseling, continue to be important with at least 18 people receiving these services in October and 15 in November.

Fifty one people were helped in October (15 were returns from the previous month) and 62 in November (with 15 returns.) Three stories of people served include the disabled young man confined to his apartment who was waiting several weeks for ILHEP to reconnect his utilities; bus passes for at least ten people enrolled in the very active YWCA jobs training program who must go to several job interviews and workshops each week while they train; and our joining with another agency to buy a bus ticket back to Georgia for someone who became quite ill only a couple of weeks earlier after they arrived in Springfield for a job.

More about funding – this new program isn't really new, but is a new format for our Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which the Church has supported for years. Session funds this ministry and has recently voted to increase the budgeted amount for the new year and move the ministry to the Mission Committee. To learn more about this program and how you can help with time or contributions, contact Cindy at the church.

Guideposts Needed

If anyone has any of the Guideposts papers that they would like to recycle, please drop them off in the church office. Church member Alice Millhon would like to put them in the homeless sanitary bags that she puts together for the people that come to the Food Pantry window.



2007

January 2007 Birthdays

- 1 Kristin Myatt, Derek Piersma
Seth Weber, Emily Yakel
- 3 Ann Tucker
- 4 Sally Jones, Christopher Wheal
- 5 Ellen Tuttle
- 6 Kathy Hoffmann, Charles Patton
- 9 Lindsay Rakers
- 11 Curtis Cunningham, Mary Patton
- 12 Nancy Kraus, Donnie Patton III
- 13 Matthew Steele
- 14 Samantha Boehm, Gaile Phillips
- 21 Mindy Miller
- 23 George Michael
- 24 Sharon McConnell
- 25 Heather Fanale, Jane Running
- 28 Elliott Linderman
- 29 Samuel Anderson



Members of the **Health and Healing Team** are:

Barb Murphy, LuAnn Atkins, Barb Olson, Susan Enlow, Carol Harden, Riitta Anderson, Linda Wheal, Sharon Bilotti, Barb VonBehren.



LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 2007

- 7th: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17;
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- 14th: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11
- 21st: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21
- 28th: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13;
Luke 4:21-30

All activities take place in the church unless otherwise noted

January 2007

1*MONDAY

Church and Office closed for New Years Day

3*WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. - Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. - Midweek Gathering

- Christian Nurture Committee

6:30 p.m. - First Pres Knitting Group

- Film Club

7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

- Friends of the Sangamon Valley

4*THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. - Deacons

7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

7*SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. - Adult Programming

10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Interval

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

8*MONDAY

9:30 a.m. - Governor Interfaith Service

9*TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Bible Study Section II

10*WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. - Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. - Midweek Gathering

6:30 p.m. - First Pres Knitting Group

- Film Club

7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

11*THURSDAY

12:00 p.m. - Personnel Committee

7:00 p.m. - Mission Committee

7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

13*SATURDAY

6:00 p.m. - Second Saturday Supper Club

14*SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. - Adult Programming

- Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Interval

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

15*MONDAY

Church and Office closed for Martin Luther King day

16*TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Bible Study Section II

17*WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. - Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. - Midweek Gathering

6:30 p.m. - First Pres Knitting Group

- Film Club

7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

18*THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. - Session

7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

19*FRIDAY

9:30 a.m. - Fairhills Circle @ Presbyterian Home

7:30 p.m. - Nichol DelGiorno Organ Recital

21*SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. - Adult Programming

- Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Interval

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

23*TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Bible Study Section II

24*WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. - Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. - Midweek Gathering

6:30 p.m. - First Pres Knitting Group

- Film Club

7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

25*THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

28*SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. - Adult Programming

- Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Interval

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

30*TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Bible Study Section II

31*WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. - Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. - Midweek Gathering

6:30 p.m. - First Pres Knitting Group

- Film Club

7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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