



For Sale

2005 Catalina 22 Ft Sailboat with trailer & 2005 8 HP out-board motor. Easy Step & Lowering Mast system, and many extras, including some life jackets, mainsail and tiller covers, anchor, etc.

Excellent Condition. Stored indoors locally. Asking \$13,900. Call Chuck Moyer at 724-699-8413 or e-mail at case279@hotmail.com.

Mary/Martha



Circle

Mary/Martha Circle will meet on February 13th at 12:00 Noon in Fellowship Hall. The Bible Study, "Confessing the Beatitudes," will be led by Dr. Hink. We will be looking at chapter 6 in the study guide.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Circle meeting as we enjoy a brown bag lunch, fellowship, and our study. Dessert and beverages are provided.

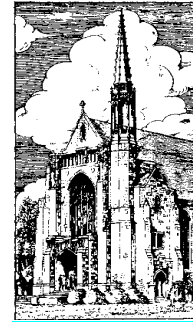
Parenting Class

Leader: Dr. Missa Eaton



Coming in April!
For parents of tweens & teens
Friday Eve: 6-9 p.m.
Saturday morning: 9-12 noon

The First Presbyterian Church of Sharon, Pa.



E m p h a s i s

STANDING TOGETHER

February
2012

In the May 1987 edition of National Geographic photojournalist L. David Mech told the story of a pack of arctic wolves. One day the pack of wolves targeted some musk-oxen calves. As is their practice, when the wolves approached, the adult musk-oxen gathered in a circle with the calves in the middle, and with the powerful rear hooves of the adults facing out. Years of conflicts with the wolves had taught them this defense. As the wolves circled and feinted a charge, the musk-oxen stood firm, and the calves were safe.

However, as the wolves continued to circle, the anxiety in the herd increased. Finally a single ox broke rank. Then others divided into groups of 2 and 3. The wolves then attacked, and after a few brief skirmishes, the adult musk-oxen fled. None of the calves survived.

The story is a parable for our community. The rise in poverty, illiteracy, crime and violence are problems for us all. Wolves circle, and then thrive when communities give into fear, and split into groups of 2 and 3. The weakest are often the first victims. But when a community can patiently and courageously stand together, the wolves are pushed back into the woods. In the months to come we will be looking for opportunities to stand with our neighbors against the wolves.

There are also real wolves that target communities of Christians. Sometimes they are easy to recognize, and sometimes they are not. There is real anxiety and fear in churches today. And certainly the members of the herd are not perfect. But I believe we do better when we believe in, and work on, ways of being the one people of God...standing together. Amidst the challenges and conflicts in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and in our community, it may take some patience and courage to worship, pray and live together.....but I believe we can do that. And maybe we can bear witness to the truth that will be eternal; that people who differ in many ways can find a greater unity in Jesus Christ as Lord.

Glenn

February Preaching and Worship Schedule

- 5th 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Communion (8:30 AM worship only)
- 12th Mission Sunday - **10:30 AM Worship only, in Fellowship Hall**
- 19th Scout Sunday
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
- 22nd **Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00 PM**
Childcare available
- 26th 1st Sunday of Lent
Communion (8:30 and 10:30 AM)
1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Worship Notes:

*Our “Mission Sunday” worship on February 12th will be in **Fellowship Hall** so to be able to use digital projection in telling mission stories. There will be **one service** at 10:30 AM.

*We will again begin the Lenten season with our annual **Ash Wednesday** worship service on February 22nd, 7:00 PM. This is a quiet, reflective service of prayer, scripture and song. The imposition of ashes will be offered. Childcare will be available.

*Visit the FPC website, www.1stpcs.org for sermons, bulletins and additional information.

SWEETS FOR THE SWEET SENIORS TEA

On February 15th the annual ‘Sweets for the Sweet Seniors Tea’ will be held in the Willson Parlor at **10:30 am**. Pam Maloney and Karen Latta will present a “SWEET” entertainment program of music, prose and humor for us. Some “SWEET” refreshments will be served. Please call the church office to register your attendance, but come even if you don’t register. We’ll be glad to have you and feel free to bring a friend.



FAMILY SWIM & PIZZA PARTY
@ THE RADISSON
FEBRUARY 26 — 5 TO 7 P.M.
No Cost
RSVP TO DEBBIE D. BY FEB 19th
LIMITED TO FIRST 15 CHILDREN!



NOTES FROM SESSION from the January 15, 2012 meeting:

Approved calling a Special Session meeting on January 29, 2012 to receive "Confirmation Youth" into membership at FPC

Approved a Pairs and Spares rock climbing event at Seneca Hills Bible Camp on February 4 or 11, 2012

Approved having one worship service on Mission Sunday, February 12, 2012, at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

Approved the church budget for 2012

Approved calling the Annual Congregational Meeting on March 18, 2012 at 5:30 PM to include the annual Chili Cook-off

Elected Beverly Nelson and Ella Lee as commissioners to the Presbytery meeting on February 28, 2012 at Grove City College



Adult Sunday School Class @First

Dr. Hink will lead a combined adult Sunday School class on February 5, 12 and 19. The class will use a DVD by international acclaimed biblical theologian N.T. Wright entitled, Surprised By Hope. This will be the second half of the class that began last year with discussions on hope for the world, resurrection and heaven. The class will conclude with discussions on Jesus' second coming, salvation and hope for the church. N.T. Wright's material on these subjects may challenge, excite and surprise many people, as he makes sense of these core Christian beliefs in the 21st century. Come, share in the discussion, and bring friends.

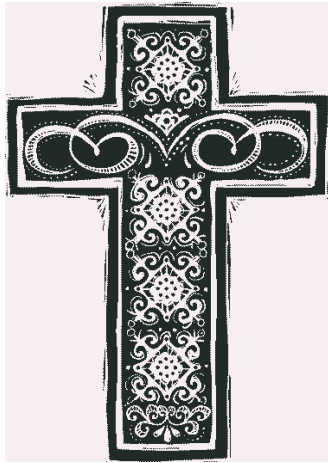


As a movie trailer precedes the release of a new movie to build interest, so this brief article is a "trailer" to precede the capital campaign coming this spring. Our wonderful facility is 85 years old. For all those years it has faithfully served members of First Presbyterian Church, and the Shenango Valley community. And like any property, it has taken care of many over the years to make repairs, updates and improvements. We are pleased that we have been able to stay up with the needed work.

We are now entering a season when some significant work on the roof and stone will need to be done. Over the past two years we have had increasing problems with leaks and water damage, resulting in repairs inside and outside. It is now time to significantly address these problems.

A small team of FPC members are overseeing the list of necessary projects. Most of the projects will be repairs to the roof and stone. When the list of projects is complete, another team will discuss how best to organize the campaign. During the mid and late spring we will probably have a number of different discussions about the campaign, on different days and times. It is hoped that all FPC members and friends will share in this campaign, as it is a work that will require all of us.

We have a wonderful facility that is becoming a landmark building in the Shenango Valley. As generations have done before us, it is now our time to share in its care.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASH WEDNESDAY COFFEE
FEBRUARY 22, 2012
10 AM - Fellowship Hall

Speaker

Wendy C. Kinnear

Regional Coordinator of Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV
for Homeless Children Initiative

Wendy is employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. She will be discussing the plight of homeless children in Western Pennsylvania, particularly Mercer County. Come and hear what she has to say.



The following letter was sent to our congregation by The Rev. David and Betty Lingle. Dave is a retired Presbyterian minister in our Presbytery. Their gracious letter makes all the hard work worthwhile.

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church:

What a gift you've given to us! Thank you so much for the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival. We were inspired and uplifted by every detail of your offering to those of us who were in the audience.

As fellow servants of our Great God we can somewhat appreciate the time, effort, and work that went into the service. Your love was the evidence to show God's love so clearly! We were refreshed and felt clearly your joy as you gave so much of yourselves.

We plan to bring family and friends next year!

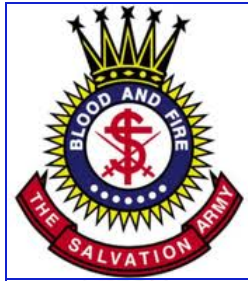
Praise God – truly – from Whom all Blessings Flow.

Yours,

Rev. Dave & Betty Lingle

“TEXAS TENORS”

On March 24th, we will travel to Westminster College for the Celebrity Series performance by the Texas Tenors who you may have seen as finalists on “America’s Got Talent. The incredible voices of these classically trained tenors perform the most romantic songs of the last century from John Denver to Puccini and bring their unique blend of gospel, country, classical and Broadway to the stage with breathtaking vocals, humor and a hint of cowboy charm. So grab your opera glasses and your cowboy hat, because this inspirational and patriotic show will leave you shouting "ENCORE" and "YEE-HAW"! We will leave at 5:30 and stop at The Tavern prior to the show for dinner. Call the office to make your reservation.



DOING THE MOST GOOD

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1: 2-3

Dear First Presbyterian Church of Sharon, The Salvation Army - Sharon, would like to thank you for helping us to provide toys and clothing for 100 children through our Treasures for Children program. Your generous participation helped to make this program a huge success. We were blessed to provide two quality gifts, an outfit and stocking stuffer for each of our 848 children. In addition, we were able to assist in an emergency nature, an additional 76 children this year. Making our grand total 924 children, that's up 202 children over last year. Thank you again and may you have a blessed New Year! Sincerely, Captain Christine Hinzman



Joy-full hearts @ First Small group discipleship opportunities just for you!

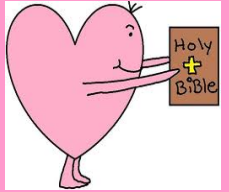
Mary/Martha Circle 2nd Monday; 12-2 p.m. Bring a sack lunch. Enjoy fellowship while studying the Beatitudes. Dessert included!



PICK ONE: Adult Sunday

Mornings @ 9:30 Bill's Bunch Or Discuss-In Come feel the spirit!

Men's Fellowship Group Panera Bread: 1st/3rd Wed. @ 7 a.m. Hot Coffee & The Good News



55 & Alive Seniors: TBA

Call the church to see what's happening honey



Rock Climbing & Dinner @ Bella Cena Date: TBA



RSVP: Shari Getway



Mom's On The Town Cassie Nespor, Coor.

YoYo Sisterhood Bible & YoYos Deb Derrenbacher Meet at Deb's every other Thursday 7 p.m. Feb. 2 & 16 Weather Permitting!



Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. Feb. 5/12/19 Leader: Dr. Hink Combined Sunday School Class N.T. Wright's 'Hope of the Second Coming'

Lonely Hearts Cardmaking Class

Please send our Teacher: Linda Goodridge A get well card!

Let's lift her up with our homemade love!



Church Attendance for December

2010		2011		
5th	164	4th	142	166*
12th	138	11th	173	243*
19th	189	18th	140	163*
24th (7pm)	270	24th	184	184
24th (11pm)	726	24th	68	68
26th	<u>77</u>	25th	<u>90</u>	<u>90</u>
	903 (29%)		797 (27%)	914 (31%)

* includes attendance at Advent Vespers



Missions

News from the Mission Team --- Chicken Pie Sale Set to Replace Tools

We would like to thank the congregation for their continued support of our mission trips to Piedras Negras, Mexico. We would like to give you a little more detail and update about the loss of all of our tools and supplies which were stolen August 9th of last year. Our friend, Mike Garcia, let us store these tools in his tool closet at his insurance company in Eagle Pass, Texas. We had these tools there for over 15 years. We feel someone saw us putting them back in there and broke into his closet and stole our tools. Right now the estimate is between \$2500 and \$3000 to replace everything. That is one reason we are asking for your support for our chicken pie sale in March. Part of that money will help defer the cost of replacing the tools. We will be making 200 pies, so please order yours on the Mission Board in the Hallway on the Sanctuary Level. Pie pickup day will be Saturday, March 24th.

And please join us for Mission Sunday, February 12th. We will have one worship that day at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

With love and appreciation,

Tim Jones

Financial Giving News December 2011

Operations Budget

1st Sunday	4,296.68
2nd Sunday	4,446.69
3rd Sunday	5,356.00
4th Sunday	3,673.69
End of the year	4,572.00
Total for December	22,345.06
Budget for December	16,720.84
Balance for December	5,624.22
Total for Year to Date	200,645.44
Budget for Year to Date	200,654.00
Balance for Year to Date	(8.56)

Mission Budget

1st Sunday	867.50
2nd Sunday	722.50
3rd Sunday	587.30
4th Sunday	387.50
End of the year	1,325.00
Total for December	3,939.80
Budget for December	3,939.80
Balance for December	3,939.80
Total for Year to Date	31,803.80
Budget for Year to Date	31,803.80
Balance for Year to Date	31,803.80



ing a church mean?

All visitors to FPC are invited to share in a discussion on the Presbyterian Church (USA), First Presbyterian Church, and church membership. The classes will meet on Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:15 AM, on February 26 and March 4, 11, 18 and 25. The classes will discuss "What do Presbyterians Believe?" What's the history of FPC? What about the sacraments of baptism and communion? What does join-

The classes are open to anyone interested in exploring the possibility of membership. Contact Dr. Hink (724-981-2211, ext. 2 or pastor@1stpcs.org) or the church office (724-981-2211, ext. 1 or office@1stpcs.org) if you are interested or have any questions.