



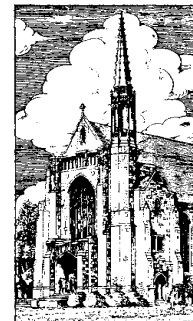
**CHURCH RETREAT  
Fundraiser Luncheon**  
**Sunday, January 22, 2012, 11:45 a.m.**  
The fundraiser will go for  
scholarships for the retreat.

**Save the date:**  
**September 21-23, 2012**  
A \$20 deposit per person is due by: January 30,  
2012.

Our Church Retreat Planning Team has already been planning for the Fall Retreat 2012 at Crestfield Camp. Some of the things we have planned are: Canoeing on Slippery Rock Creek, Hayride, Campfire storytelling & sing-a-long, native field games with Dr. Hink & zip line (only for the very brave.)

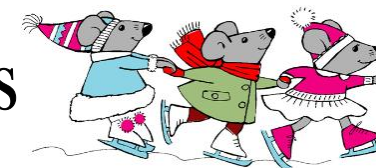
Please RSVP by January 18  
By calling the office or email Debbie Derrenbacher at  
dcm@1stpcs.org.

Monetary donations for scholarships can be made payable  
to:  
"First Presbyterian Church/Adventure Fund"



**The First Presbyterian Church of Sharon, Pa.**

**E m p h a s i s**



**ANOTHER YEAR**

**January  
2012**

The change I got back wasn't right. Jeanne and I were attending a talent show down at Penn State-Shenango. Admission was \$5/person, and you got \$1 off if you brought a can of food. Jeanne and I brought a couple cans of food. So the simple equation that ran in my head was;  $(\$5 \times 2) - (\$1 \times 2) = \$8$ . I handed the ticket person \$10, so I expected \$2 back.

However, to my surprise, I got \$6 back. My first thought was that the person selling tickets was math challenged. I then smiled and said, "I need \$2 back, not \$6." She looked a little confused, took back the \$6, said something I didn't hear, and gave me back \$2 with a bewildered look.

Once inside I told Jeanne, "It's too bad that young woman is selling tickets. She isn't very good at math." Jeanne then smiled and said, "I think her math is just fine. She was giving you a senior discount. (Notice Jeanne said "you.") That's what she said, and you didn't hear her" (Funny irony there, I didn't hear the words "senior discount."). "WHAT!!!" I said. This time I heard the words, "senior discount," just fine. I would have been fine with the "math challenged" explanation. But with the "senior discount" explanation.....well, I had to think about that.

And as I sat there on my folding chair awaiting the talent show, I thought about the Ben Gay I put on my left shoulder before I lift weights now. And I thought about the pages falling out of my 20 year old, well-worn Bible. And I thought about the slight bifocal in my glasses, our "empty nest" at home, and the reminders from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to "plan now for your retirement." Time goes by.

And I then began to think about older friends that have blessed my life and the church. I think of people who still read and take classes. I think of seniors who have sharp interests in art, theatre and concerts. I think of folks who exercise regularly and travel. I think of role models who have continued to grow in faith, character, and wisdom. A smile came to my face.

As the houselights dimmed for the talent show, I realized that the seasons will change. The "senior discount" is coming. And it will be my turn to live with the same hope, courage, joy and love for life and people of those who have gone before me. As the New Year begins it is another year.....and more.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:25-28).....another year, this year, every year.

Glenn

## January Preaching and Worship Schedule

- 1st** 1st Sunday of Christmas/New Year's Day (**10:30AM worship only**)  
Luke 2:22-40
- 8th** Epiphany Sunday  
I Corinthians 1:10-17  
**Communion 8:30/10:30**  
Boar's Head Characters in Costume  
Minute for Mission/Deacon's Offering
- 15th** I Corinthians 1:18-2:5
- 22nd** Rev. Maloney Preaching
- 29th** I Corinthians 2:6-3:4  
Youth Completing Confirmation to Join Church

### Worship Notes:

\*Dr. Hink will begin a new sermon series in I Corinthians.

\*Remember the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival on Sunday, January 8, 3:30PM.

Come and enjoy the costumes, music and worship. Share an invitation and bring friends.

\*All sermons are available on the church website ([www.1stpcs.org](http://www.1stpcs.org)), and paper copies are available in the church office.

\*A **Look Ahead** to worship in February:

-Mission Sunday (February 12) and Scout Sunday (February 19);

-Ash Wednesday worship, February 22, 7:00PM, will begin the season of Lent.



### IT'S BOAR'S HEAD TIME

Our annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 8, 2012, at 3:30 PM. We hope you will join us for a wonderful celebration as we end the Christmas season in grand style. Bring your friends and neighbors to this special event. A "meet and greet the cast" reception will be held following the Festival. If you are able to donate 2 dozen cookies for the reception, it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring the cookies to Church that morning, or when you come for the Festival that afternoon.



The Advent and Christmas worship services were very special because of the hard work and dedication of many gifted musicians. My heartfelt thanks goes to all the singers, ringers, instrumentalists, and readers who praised God both on Sunday mornings and on Sunday evenings. God bless you!

Rev. Maloney



The Sanctuary Choir will resume Thursday evening rehearsals on January 5<sup>th</sup>, following the Boar's Head walk-through. The Carillon Choir will resume Thursday rehearsals on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. We always welcome new singers and ringers!



## NOTES FROM SESSION

from the December 18, 2011 meeting:

Approved the call for a Congregational Meeting to approve "Terms of Pastor's Calls" on January 1, 2012, following the 10:30 am worship service.

Approved a Pairs and Spares dinner at Kobe Japanese Restaurant on January 16, 2012

Approved the schedule of upcoming events for "Cana's Corner Coffeehouse" from January - April 2012

Approved the removal of inactive members from the active membership rolls of the church



## Backpack Food Update

Thanks to the generosity of churches involved, the Backpack Mission has reached 390 packs per week. These additional food packages help hungry children at Musser and West Hill elementary schools. Thank you

for supporting this mission!

### Packing Times:

Now that the holidays are over, the teams will return to their regular meeting schedules as follows:

Team #1 - 7:15 p.m.

Team #2 - 7:00 p.m.

Team #3 - 6:30 p.m.

Team #4 - 7:15 p.m.

Mary/Martha



Circle

Mary/Martha Circle will meet on January 9th at 12:00 Noon in Fellowship Hall. The Bible Study, "Confessing the Beatitudes", will be led by Debbie Derrenbacher. We will be looking at chapter 5 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.



## Stewardship Campaign Final Call

Our stewardship campaign for 2012 is now drawing to a conclusion, and we are still missing a number of pledge cards. If you have not yet returned your pledge card please do so as soon as possible (First Presbyterian Church of Sharon, Att. Financial Secretary, 600 East State Street, Sharon, PA 16146). If you have misplaced your pledge card, please contact the church office and another one will be mailed to you.

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.

*A New Year Joy of @ First for 2012!*

*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 Beati-  
tudes. Dessert in-  
cluded!



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

**PICK  
ONE:  
Adult  
Sunday  
Mornings**

**Men's Fellowship Group**

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



**55 & Alive Seniors:  
Boar's Head Jan. 8  
&  
MORE!**



**DINNER OUT @  
KOBE'S  
JAPANESE  
RESTAURANT**  
Monday, January  
16th @ 6 p.m.  
RSVP:  
Shari Getway

**Mom's On  
The Town  
are planning  
something  
new!  
Coordinator:  
Cassie Nespor**



**YoYo  
Sisterhood**  
Bible & YoYos  
Host: Deb Derrenbacher  
Meet at Deb's every  
other Thursday 7 p.m.  
Jan. 5 & 19

**Lonely Hearts  
Cardmaking Class**  
Next Class: January TBA  
Teacher: Linda Goodridge



**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"



Learn how  
to make  
cards!

Lift people up with your  
homemade love!

be

be



Eternal God!

Grant us gratitude enough to look  
backward and be thankful;

courage enough to look forward and  
hopeful;

faith enough to look upward and  
humble;

kindness enough to look outward  
and be helpful.

Amen.

**May the New Year bring you:**

*Troubles that last only seconds*

*Giggles that last minutes*

*Chuckles that last hours*

*Laugh that last days*

*Smiles that last weeks*

*Happiness that last months*

*Friendships that last years*

*But most of all.....*

*LOVE that lasts a lifetime!*



Lawn & Garden Tools/Equipment for SALE: Jr. size basketball backboard w/water filled, adjustable stand (ball included); lawn tractor; wheelbarrow; 10 X 10 metal/canvas gazebo with screens; lawn roller; weed whacker; 14" chain saw; leaf blower; propane grill; 10' tall, multi-colored fabric pin wheel; shovels, rakes, etc.

LazyBoy Recliner, dark print, good condition, smaller scale. Can provide delivery. \$50.

Rich & Robbie Arnold, 983-0194

## Goodbye, old year



Old Year! upon the Stage of Time  
You stand to bow your last adieu;  
A moment, and the prompter's chime  
Will ring the curtain down on you.

—Robert W. Service



*Kids @ First Church*

*Meet in Room 315*

*Come find out why God made snowmen!*

*A healthy Lunch of Snowman*

*soup & poop will be provided!*

**Sunday, January 15 Noon - 2:00 p.m.**

Hello Everyone at First Presbyterian Church,

I wanted to give an update on some possible upcoming events in January and February. In one or the other month, the youth will be taking a possible tubing trip to Meadville.

I would like some feed back on some other places that would be nice or of any good tubing or sledding places around here that would be nice. I know of a great hill in West Pittsburgh and one at Westminster College. I am also open to hearing some date suggestions for this trip.

Another possible trip is going to Youngstown to see the Youngstown Phantoms, a minor league hockey team, play. I think this would be a great event, especially for those who have never been to a real live hockey game. Again, I would like some feedback on possible dates for going.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-714-8450 or email me at [dym@1stpcs.org](mailto:dym@1stpcs.org). Thank you and let us kick off our new year with a blast!

Andrew Kraus  
Director of Youth Ministries



### Church Attendance for November

2010		2011	
7th	148	6th	99
14th	152	13th	140
21st	146	20th	191
28th	<u>150</u>	27th	<u>154</u>
596 (28.8%)		584 (30%)	

### Financial Giving News November 2011

#### Operations Budget

1st Sunday	4,104.19
2nd Sunday	3,489.59
3rd Sunday	4,922.19
4th Sunday	6,004.18
Total for November	18,520.15
Budget for November	16,720.84
Balance for November	1,799.31
Total for Year to Date	178,300.38
Budget for Year to Date	183,929.16
Balance for Year to Date	(5,628.78)

#### Mission Budget

1st Sunday	540.00
2nd Sunday	394.10
3rd Sunday	480.00
4th Sunday	900.00
Total for November	2,314.10
Budget for November	2,314.10
Balance for November	2,314.10
Total for Year to Date	27,864.00
Budget for Year to Date	27,864.00
Balance for Year to Date	27,864.00

# Thank You

We have shared a wonderful Advent and Christmas season together in worship. Beginning with the Shenango Valley Chorale's presentation of "Messiah," music, song, art and joy have been a part of our worship life. The Chorale's Christmas Concert filled the church to "standing room only."

Our Advent vesper services were perfect for people seeking peace, simple worship and the hope of God's light that pushes back the darkness. Our choir presented a beautiful cantata, "Tapestry of Light," highlighted by the red of the Christmas poinsettias that filled the front of the sanctuary. We have enjoyed string and brass ensembles, Chrismons, the Christmas Eve nativity pageant, bells, candle light, and the music of a harp. And before we move too quickly into the New Year, we now have the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival on Sunday, January 8th. Words fall short to express all the hope, joy, love and peace of Christmas. Music and art invite us another step or two into faith and the wonder of God. Special thanks to all who shared, participated, played, sung, rang bells, decorated, lit candles, dimmed lights, ran sound, and much more. -Dr. Hink



## Sunday School

### Adult Sunday School Class Rescheduled

Dr. Hink's Adult Sunday class on NT Wright's video series on resurrection, salvation, heaven, hope and the mission of the church has been rescheduled to February 5, 12, and 19, 9:30-10:20AM, in the Fellowship Hall. All FPC members and friends are welcome. The class will discuss the most fundamental of Christian beliefs that "pop theology" often misunderstands; resurrection, heaven and salvation.