

PRESENTER

First United Presbyterian Church

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APRIL 2012



April 1 - Palm Sunday Service - 10 AM

April 5 - Seder Meal - 6 PM

Maundy Thursday Service - 7 PM

April 6 - Good Friday Community Service

Son-Life Church - 12 noon

**April 8 - Indoor Easter Egg Hunt & Activities for
Children - 9 AM**

Easter Sunday Service - 10 AM

One Great Hour of Sharing Dedication

PRAYER PATH - April 2-7



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Mark your calendars:

You Are Invited

TRIVIA NIGHT/SILENT AUCTION

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Dinner 5:30 - 7:00

Adults \$10.00

Children under 10 - \$5.00

Sloppy Joes, Potato Chips



Trivia starts at 7:00

COME FOR A NIGHT OF FUN,
FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD!!!

More information later!

Silent Auction - If you have an item or basket
that you would like to donate, please contact
Debbie or Ryan.

All proceeds will benefit the Youth!!!

Bring your friends!!



Interim Pastor's Ponderings

With input from the congregation, the Nominating Committee will soon be putting together a slate of people to work on the Mission Study. This team will be voted on by the entire congregation before they begin their work so be listening for updates and for the date for a congregational meeting to elect this team. Our hope is to get the Mission Study done ready to hand off to a Pastor Nominating Committee by late summer.

Typically during the Mission Study there are several congregational events to receive input from all members into the final report. These events, dates, and times, will be planned by the Team but will need your input so please plan to participate if at all possible. The better the Mission Study, the better the Church Information form, the better the search process will bring the best fit for your next pastor. This process needs input from everyone. Don't assume that another person can speak for you.

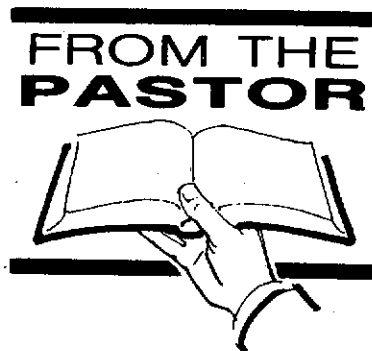
I know people are anxious about this process and I would rather err on the side of repeating myself than on not saying enough. While the Mission Study Team does their work nothing needs to be confidential which is a definite advantage to doing this in two phases.

Once the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) is elected, they will take the Mission Study and use it as the foundation for putting together the Church Information Form. Both the Mission Study and the Church Information Form will need to be approved by Session, the appropriate committee at Presbytery, and the congregation before we get the go ahead to move forward. We will do everything we can to keep the congregation informed as to what phase we are in. Once the Church information form gets put online for matching and self-referrals then the confidential aspect of the work of the PNC goes into place. Since pastors may be looking for new calls while serving in a church that is unaware of their search it is important to honor the need for confidentiality.

Know that I welcome you to stop in to visit, ask questions, just say hi, and generally get to know each other. Call me if you would like me to visit you at your home, office or, should you need, in the hospital. I am here to serve you in Christ. While the Mission Study team and the PNC do their work the rest of us will need to continue to serve the needs of the congregation in both mission and ministry.

May God bless us all!

Rev. Ann



To the Family

Youth News

Trivia Night is Wednesday April 11th. Cost is \$10 per person and includes trivia and dinner. All proceeds for this event go to the youth and will help lower the costs for the summer trips. Each youth needs to bring a couple of two liters of soda. Also the youth are responsible for putting together two baskets for the silent auction. Please bring donations. Any questions please call Ryan Ballard (618) 567-5149.

Traveling Asylum is coming up. This summer the youth group will be hitting the road and are looking for places to have our regular Wednesday night asylum. If you are interested in hosting our youth group one Wednesday let us know. Contact Ryan for more information.

Children's News

On Easter Sunday we are going to hold an Easter egg hunt at 9am for the children of our church.

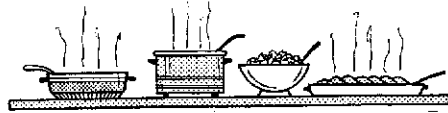
Vacation Bible School is June 18th-22nd and we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested please contact Mary-Beth Dellamano by email at funquilter@charter.net. We need volunteers for drama, crafts, decorations, group leaders, and registration. This a great program that we provide free to families and need everyone's help to make this great.

From my heart to yours

Effective of April 15th I will be resigning from the position of Director of Youth and Children's ministry. This has been a bittersweet decision that my wife and I made. I will be going back to school and working towards becoming an ordained pastor. It has been because of my time at FUPC that has lead me to this decision and I am so thankful and blessed for my time I have spent with you and your families. You will always hold a special place in mine and Ashley's hearts.

In Christ, Ryan Ballard

SEDER DINNER



Thursday, April 5, the Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a Seder Dinner for the congregation followed by a Maundy Thursday Communion Service. We would like you to make reservations for this event. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex or contact the office with the number of people planning to attend the dinner.



Name _____ # @ \$8 each _____

In honor/memory of _____



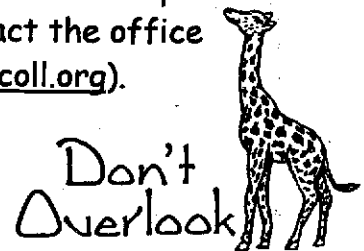
MISSION STUDY TEAM MEMBERS



Now that our Interim Pastor is in place the next step to our pastor search will be to compile a mission document. This document provides prospective candidates with information about our church (membership, history, expectations, etc.) as well as providing an opportunity for us to reflect on the direction we want our church to take, and our needs and accomplishments.

The Nominating Committee is looking for 5 to 6 volunteers who would be willing to serve on the Mission Study Team - a committee that will be responsible to compile this detailed document. Members willing to serve are asked to contact the office before Thursday, April 12th (please call 344-1109 or email alice@fupcoll.org).

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:



Included in your *Presenter* is an envelope for One Great Hour of Sharing. Monies received in this offering go to Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The donations will be dedicated on Easter Sunday.

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Charles Rudis
Marvin Conway
Jeff Tennant
Ryan Ballard*

*Todd Rudis
Aaron Caudill
Belinda Bader
Caryn Mazolla*

*Gabriel Torres
Leo Kunz
Lindsey Popovsky
Service Personnel*

IN MEMORY OF IRENE MUNIZ

Bernie & Jo Kunz

Gloria Alldredge



WISH LIST

We would like to buy two new candle lighters for the church. They will cost \$95 each and donations of any size will be appreciated. See Alice in the office.

FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



A note to all: Any article for the Presenter that is submitted later than the Wednesday before publication will not be guaranteed inclusion. Wednesday is the deadline, not Friday.

We are seeking donations of small items to stuff into SMALL plastic eggs for the Indoor Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Easter morning at 9 AM. Drop any items off in the office.

If you would like to furnish altar flowers, the following dates are available, April 1 (Palm Sunday), April 15, 22, & 29. Please contact the office.

Please contact the office with names of any upcoming graduates, high school, tech school, or college.

NEW ADDRESSES

Lowell & Lawanda Comer
101 Evergreen Lane, Apt. 319
Glen Carbon, IL 62034

Tony & Kim Powell
10 Northland Dr.
Collinsville, IL 62234
530-4395

T.W. "Jim" Dalton
Cedarhurst
1207 Vandalia, Rm. 149
Collinsville, IL 62234



PRAYER PATH - 2012

Easter is fast approaching and we would like to invite you to walk our Prayer Path again this year. Mark your calendar for the Prayer Path experience, April 2 - April 7. Easter week is an opportunity for us to get our own spiritual lives in tune to the rhythm of remembering what Jesus did for us through His sacrifice and resurrection. The beautiful hand-made banners will mark the path in the sanctuary. Scheduling information will be included in the April presenter. If you would like to be a volunteer to prepare the path or host those who come to walk the path, please contact Jodee Kleb, telephone 520-8594.

SESSION MEETING - 3/15/12

Communion - Mar. 4 - 89 served
Mar. 28 - Lenten meal & activities
Apr. 5 (Thurs) - Seder Dinner & Communion
Apr. 11 - Trivia & Silent Auction
Apr. 12 - Next Session Meeting

CAMA food pantry relocation is no further along than it was 3 months ago. Power beills have become an increasing concern for our Church. The Sunday School program has been planned for the rest of the year. Plans have been made to have a candy bar fund raiser for the Youth. An Easter egg hunt will be held for the children during Sunday School on Easter Sunday. A shoe collection will be held again soon.

The Interim Pastor will be holding training sessions on the Book of Order at Session meetings. Brown Construction will be removing the wall between the youth's Sunday School room as requested by the Director of the Children/Youth groups. Our Church will be participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing and the Christmas Joy offering again this year.

Session accepted with regret the letter of resignation of Ryan Ballard as Director of the Children/Youth groups effective April 15. He will remain as a volunteer leader until May 23rd. Thank you, Ryan for all you have done for our program.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

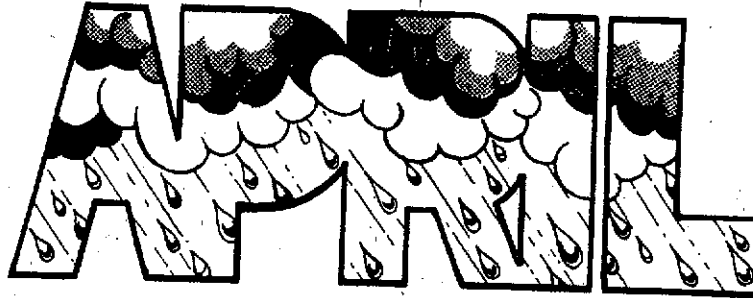
WOMEN OF THE CHURCH: How about a day trip to Toddhall! We'll eat lunch, discuss how God has Winked at you lately and enjoy the beautiful surroundings (if God lets us). We made a \$150 deposit to Toddhall for the October Retreat that never happened. So we would like to use up that money. We can drive down on Saturday, April 21, talk or walk for an hour, enjoy lunch, and continue our fun afterwards. We can sit on the sunporch in the dining hall. Cost would be minimal. If 15 of us went we would owe just a little beyond the amount we have - \$15. A free will donation probably would cover the additional cost and gas. Maybe Warren Carter can drive the church bus for us. We would collect at the church at 10:30, drive to Columbia, just a short trip, enjoy ourselves, and come home at 2:00 or 2:30. IF YOU WANT TO COME, THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX.

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE



Consider turning your old shoes into clean water!

We are collecting old shoes to be donated to George "The Shoeman" Hutchins' mission to find clean water for distressed areas. His mission has already provided water drilling equipment for areas in Africa and Haiti. A collection container will be in the narthex through April 14th. Please clean out your closets and help this cause!



BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - John Erkman
- 4 - Sharron Owca
- 11 - Nancy Harding; Jay Maxson; Garrett Kneedler
- 13 - Anna Dellamano
- 15 - Edna Evans (103 yrs)
- 16 - Barbara Esker
- 18 - Allyson Burr
- 21 - April Calandro; Grant Benson
- 24 - Molly Maxson; Kendalyn Kneedler
- 25 - Leo Kunz (95 yrs)
- 28 - Karley Calandro; Cheryl Hardin

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 - Bill & Susan Buchanan
- 8 - Brad & Stacy Kneedler
- 11 - Tom & Sarah Ross
- 15 - Billy & April Calandro
- 18 - Larry & Val Close