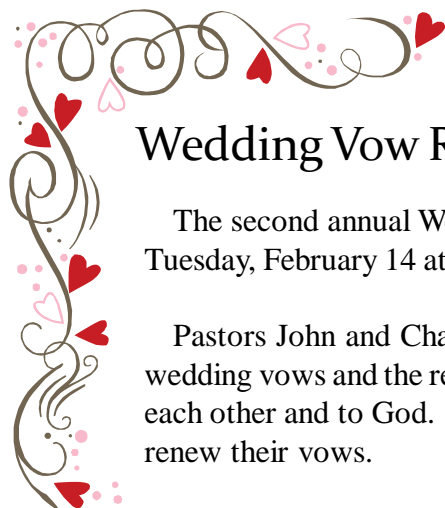




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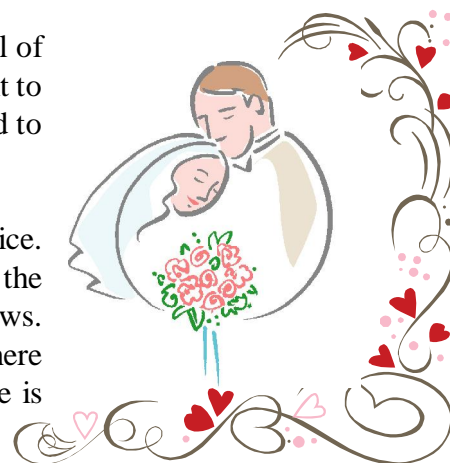


## Wedding Vow Renewal Service Scheduled for Valentines' Day

The second annual Wedding Vow Renewal Service will be held on Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Pastors John and Charla will lead couples through the renewal of wedding vows and the reinforcement of their love and commitment to each other and to God. Last year, fourteen couples came forward to renew their vows.

Wedding attire is not required for this lovely candlelight service. You can attend as a spectator, or if you choose, you can accept the invitation to come forward with other couples to renew your vows. Childcare will be provided, free of charge, and after the service there will be a wedding cake reception in Westminster Hall. Everyone is invited!



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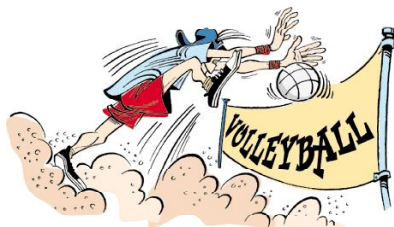
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Sunday Worship Schedule  
9:30 a.m. - Church School  
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

*Monday, February 20*

Articles may be dropped off at the church office, emailed to Elsa at [fpc.edavis@yahoo.com](mailto:fpc.edavis@yahoo.com) or Kathleen at [fpc.kberry@yahoo.com](mailto:fpc.kberry@yahoo.com)



## Volleyball Night Returns!

*The reports are in...  
the competition was fierce!* 😊

The second Church-Wide Volleyball Night will be held:

**Sunday, February 12 at 4:00 p.m.**

There will be food available to "eat as you please" throughout the evening. (Donations accepted to offset the cost of the food.) Be sure to sign up on the sheet in Westminster Hall...so we will know how much food to prepare. All are welcome!

SKATE WORLD TRIP ... is scheduled for Sunday, February 19 (following the baked potato/chili lunch & Annual Congregational Meeting) from 2:00 to 5:00. This is open to everyone! Sign-up sheet is on bulletin board in Westminster Hall.

# Worship in February

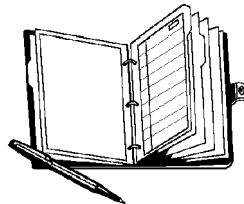


- FEB 5: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (COMMUNION)**  
**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 40:21-31; \*Mark 1:29-39  
**SERMON:** ðSigns of the Kingdomö  
**THEME:** Many modern people do not know what to make of the miracles of Jesus. They seem to flow against the ordered world of cause and effect that modern science teaches us. Miracles are signs that God can get into our world and change the rules at any time. That is a comfort to some. It is frightening to others.
- FEB 12: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SCRIPTURE:** \*2 Kings 5:1-14; Mark 1:40-45  
**SERMON:** ðWhen God Goes Slummingö  
**THEME:** God does send help, but not always from where we expected to receive help.
- FEB 19: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**  
**SCRIPTURE:** 2 Kings 2:1-12; \*Mark 9:2-9  
**SERMON:** ðYou Can See Heaven From Thereö  
**THEME:** Good worship is like being on the mountaintop, you can see heaven from there. But you can't stay on the mountaintop forever. The test of whether you are listening to Jesus, of the genuineness of your worship, is found in what happens when you get back in the valley.
- FEB 22: ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**SCRIPTURE:** Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
**SERMON:** God to Mortals: ðReally?!ö  
**THEME:** Even God must be frustrated by our habit of being rescued only to fall right back into sin. ðYou've got to be kidding me!ö
- FEB 26: 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 9:8-17; \*1 Peter 3:18-22  
**SERMON:** ðHe Descended Into Hellö  
**THEME:** The affirmation that Christ descended into hell means that there is absolutely no place that is beyond the reach of God.

(\* Indicates main text for the sermon.)

## Activities & Meetings

- CHURCH SCHOOL** ó 9:30 a.m. Sunday  
**WORSHIP SERVICE** ó 10:45 a.m. Sunday  
**(Broadcast live over WOBG 105.7 FM)**
- SESSION** ó Tuesday, Feb 21 at 5:30 pm  
**DEACONS** ó Tuesday, Feb 7 at 7:00 pm  
**TRUSTEES** ó Tuesday, Feb 21 at noon  
**C.E. COM** ó Monday, Feb 13 at 6:00 pm  
**EVANGELISM** ó February 26 at noon  
**FELLOWSHIP** ó Tuesday, Feb 7 at 10:30 am  
**WORSHIP/MUSIC** ó Thursday, Feb 9 at 5:00 pm
- PRAYER GROUP & BIBLE STUDY** ó Monday at 10:30  
**BIBLE STUDY** ó Wednesday, at 6:30 (Social Time: 6:00)  
**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BOARD** ó February 6 at noon  
**BELLS** ó Wed at 6:30 / **CHOIR** ó Wed at 7:30  
**CIRCLE JOANNA** ó Thursday, February 9 at 10:30 am  
**BOOK GROUP** ó February 20 at 3:30 pm  
**ZUMBA** ó Monday at 5:00 pm



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 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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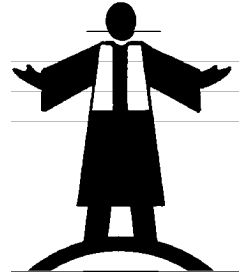
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## Treasurer's Report

NET CASH FLOW	2011 THROUGH DECEMBER
INCOME	190,207.05
EXPENSES	198,003.78
NET INCOME	-7,796.73

# Pastor John's Jottings...



February is the month we celebrate Valentine's Day, love, and marriage. It is also the beginning of the season of Lent, a time to repent for bad decisions . . . (smile).

Yes, I do think the two are linked. Not in the sense that getting married is a bad decision, but in the sense that if a marriage is to last, we need to be willing to admit our mistakes to our partners. We need to be willing to let go of our selfishness and work for our partner's happiness.

The question is often asked, "Why do some marriages last and others don't?" There are many reasons, but one of the most basic is a willingness on the part of both partners to keep working at the marriage. Marriages may be made in heaven, but they are lived out and worked out here on earth. No loving relationship can thrive without work and attention.

We in the church are continually looking for ways to help couples do that. We are always looking for ways to help couples pay attention to their marriages, celebrate their successes, and find better ways to care for each other.

I read recently of a new practice that is being used at wedding receptions. Traditionally, all the unmarried women gather, the bride turns her back, and throws her bouquet. The woman who catches the bouquet, according to tradition, will be the next one to get married. Unfortunately there have been some bad results from this tradition. Sometimes there has been such a mad scramble for the bouquet that someone was injured in the melee. At other times the bouquet has been allowed to fall to the floor with no one wanting to catch it. Neither extreme is very encouraging for the newly married couple.

The new practice is for the bride to give her bouquet away. The master of ceremonies simply asks the crowd which couple present has been married longest. When, finally, a silver-haired woman comes forward with her husband by her side and receives the bouquet from the smiling bride, the crowd of well-wishers find themselves applauding and honoring success and perseverance in marriage. And not only that, the photo of the golden-anniversary couple, standing next to the new bride and groom, provides an inspiration for years to come.

Something new that we started last year here at First Presbyterian is a renewal of wedding vows service on Valentine's Day. It is a chance for couples to celebrate their success in marriage, to honor one another, and to say for all to hear, "If I had the chance, I would marry you all over again. I love you more than ever." It seems like such a simple thing. But we all need this kind of simple encouragement and support from one another.

If you are married, I hope that you will come out for the service on Valentine's Day at 7 o'clock in the evening. If you are not married, I hope you will still come to lend your encouragement and support to your married friends. It will be fun. And afterwards, there will be cake!!!

Blessings ~ Pastor John

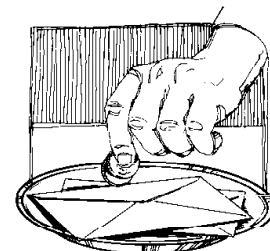
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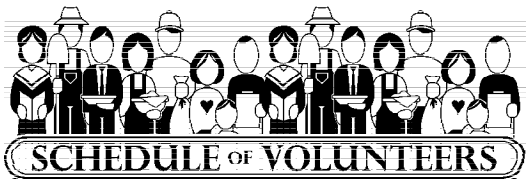
**RECONVENED  
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

*February 19, 2012*

After worship, the Youth will host a Chili / Baked Potato fundraiser dinner, followed by our 183rd Reconvened Meeting.



PER CAPITA  
FOR 2012 IS  
\$28.00



**CHILDRENS' MOMENTS**

- Feb 5 - Beckie Alvaro
- 12 - Michael Sabatino
- 19 - Terra Burnett
- 26 - Kandy Atkinson

**LITURGISTS**

- Feb 5 - Michael Sabatino
- 12 - Connie Leuliette
- 19 - Harriett Northey
- 26 - Kandy Atkinson

**ELDER GREETERS**

- Feb 5 - Dan Pollack
- 12 - Hank Lawrence
- 19 - Michael Ann Gainer
- 26 - Mark Garrett

**DEACON GREETERS**

- Feb 5 - Jim & Tawnya Mann
- 12 - Maria Alvaro
- 19 -
- 26 -

**ACOLYTES**

- Feb 5 - Edna Merroitt  
Megan Strange
- 12 - Matthew Strange  
Seth Welch
- 19 - Zach Keller  
Robert Michael Sabatino
- 26 - Cassie Delawder  
Sara Pulling

**MUSTARD SEED** could use í

- Spaghetti      Applesauce      Cereal
- Tomato Soup    Tomato Sauce    Instant Potatoes
- Vegetable Soup

Just bring the items in to the church and put them in the box or leave them at the church office. We will deliver them to the Mustard Seed. God Bless you and thanks for your help.



*Game On!*

There's still time!...the battle continues! First Presbyterian Youth Souper Bowl challenge will run through Super Bowl Sunday ~ February 5.

From now through Super Bowl weekend, our Youth continue to collect items (see suggestion list below) that will be donated to a local food pantry. This coincides with the Presbyterian Souper Bowl of Caring.

Team names (Patriots & Giants) have been posted on the tables Westminster Hall representing the teams that will compete in the Super Bowl. Place your items on the table that bears the name of the team that you are cheering for to win the Super Bowl.

<u>CANNED GOODS:</u>	<u>OTHER FOOD ITEMS:</u>	<u>OTHER ITEMS:</u>
tomato soup	crackers	toilet tissue
vegetable soup	cereal (18 oz)	paper towels
chicken noodle soup	spaghetti (16 oz)	tissues
beef stew	spaghetti sauce (28 oz)	toothpaste
broth	mashed potatoes	toothbrushes
vegetables	mac & cheese	bath soap
applesauce	peanut butter	shampoo
fruit	jello/pudding	deoderant
pork & beans	coffee/tea/cocoa	dish soap
beans	sugar	laundry soap
canned milk	drinks/juices	disposable razors
canned spaghetti	cookies	hand lotion
tuna/salmon	bread/rolls	baby items
chicken/meat	pancake mix/syrup	



**Sunday, February 19** - Youth will assist with the Lenten Lunches by rolling silverware during Youth Group each Sunday during Lent.

**Sunday, February 19** - Youth Group will prepare a baked potato / chili lunch to be served before the Annual Congregational Meeting.



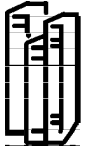
**COMMUNITY**  
*Lenten Services*

- FEBRUARY 22 - **SPEAKERS:** Revs. John & Charla Waters Koerner, FPC  
**MUSIC:** Terra Burnett & Jeff Mitchell, Handbell Duet  
**SOUP:** Broccoli Cheese
- FEBRUARY 29 - **SPEAKER:** Father Casey B. Mahone, Immaculate Conception Church  
**MUSIC:** Megan & Jeff Strange, Vocalists  
**SOUP:** Chicken Rice
- MARCH 7 - **SPEAKER:** Rev. Ray Shaw, Flame for Christ Ministries  
**MUSIC:** David Nuzum, Trombonist  
**SOUP:** Chili
- MARCH 14 - **SPEAKER:** Rev. David Hulme, Clarksburg Baptist Church  
**MUSIC:** Jubilate Singers of FPC  
**SOUP:** Vegetable Beef
- MARCH 21 - **SPEAKER:** Rev. Rick Sale, First United Methodist Church  
**MUSIC:** Don Gardner, Vocalist  
**SOUP:** Italian Tomato
- MARCH 28 - **SPEAKER:** Rev. Linda Muhly, St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
**MUSIC:** Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church  
**SOUP:** Potato
- APRIL 4 - **SPEAKER:** Rev. Mary Beth Chien, Associate Pastor,  
Duff St. United Methodist Church  
**MUSIC:** Jim Harris, Vocalist  
**SOUP:** Bean

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT**

Worship Service - 12:30 pm  
Luncheons - 11:30 am & 1:30 pm

*The Corner  
of Second & Main  
Book Group*



On February 20 we will discuss:

*The Senator's Wife*

by Sue Miller

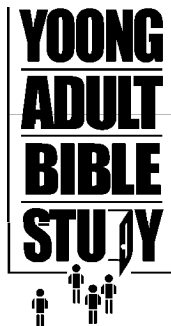
Meri is newly married, pregnant, and standing on the cusp of her life as a wife and mother, recognizing with some terror the gap between reality and expectation. Delia Naughton ~ wife of the two-term liberal senator Tom Naughton ~ is Meri's new neighbor in the adjacent New England town house.

What keeps people together, even in the midst of profound betrayal? How can a journey imperiled by compromise and disappointment culminate in healing and grace?

Delia and Meri find themselves leading strangely parallel lives, both reckoning with the contours and mysteries of marriage, one refined and abraded by years of complicated intimacy, the other barely begun.

**YOUR HELP NEEDED!**

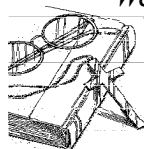
P. W. Women have scheduled the annual kitchen cleaning for Wednesday, February 8 at 9:00 a.m. Come out and help prepare our church kitchen for the upcoming Lenten Season. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



Join Pastor John in Westminster Hall on Sundays at 10:00 for Young Adult Bible Study.  
Fellowship starts at 9:30.  
Don't miss out on this great learning opportunity, as you study the book of Mark.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

Social Time ó 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study ó 6:30 p.m.



*We welcome you to join us in our study of 2 Corinthians.*

*McClelland / Parlor Class*

The McClelland/Parlor Class begins to gather at 9:30 am and spends several minutes informally visiting and catching up. The lesson kicks in around 9:45 and continues until 10:30. If you don't already have a Sunday School home, we'd love to have you join us and share your thoughts as we discuss thought provoking questions arising from scripture.

## Presbyterian Women



Fair Trade Products are offered for sale in Westminster Hall on the first Sunday of the month, after the worship service, or you can call or stop in the church office to pick up some!

COFFEE - \$7.00 bag / CHOCOLATE BARS - \$2.50 each  
TEA - \$4.00 box / DRIED CRANBERRIES - \$4.00 bag

**SALE!**

all tall blue & gold (12 oz.) bags of coffee,  
regularly \$7.00 **NOW \$5.00!!!**



## CLARKSBURG MISSION

Our deacons continue to collect items for the Clarksburg Mission. A few needs are:

- Toiletry kits
- Ibuprofen
- Diapers: newborn & size 4
- Tylenol for children & adults
- Combs/Brushes
- Tissues
- Packages of socks (all sizes)

*Anything you believe would be appropriate!*



Please enter through the back door (press the door bell on the window). So grab a towel, a water bottle and a friend and join us for an exciting hour of exercise in disguise! Childcare provided. **\*\*NO SCHOOL = NO ZUMBA\*\***

*Join licensed Zumba fitness instructor, Elsa  
Mondays at 5:00 pm*



Two new members were added to the Parish lists of First Church!  
Welcome to. . .

JAMIE ALDERMAN  
*and*  
WILLIAM GLASER



## Children's Moments Volunteers Needed!

If you would be willing to do Children's Moments, please contact Terra Burnett or the church office. You have the option of preparing your own lesson, or a lesson idea can be provided.



There are many opportunities to serve in our church, if you would like to serve as a representative from the congregation on one of the standing committees, (listed below) please call the church office.

- Christian Education
- Fellowship
- Workcamp Task Force
- Mission Interpretation/Stewardship
- Worship & Music
- Evangelism

Many other areas of service exist where your gifts can be used. For more information, call the church office, or stop by and pick up a Time and Talent Sheet.



## Boy Scout Sunday

February 5, 2012