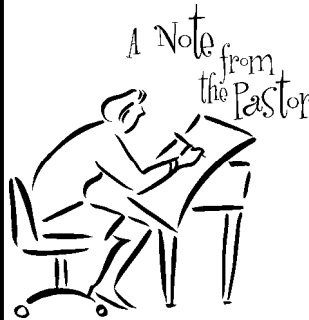


# FEBRUARY



For those unable to attend our annual meeting I am making my annual report to the congregation my article for this month.

I have enjoyed another good year of ministry with the congregation. The year saw a number of weddings to celebrate and also times of grieving yet celebrating the resurrection to eternal life of members and friends of our church. The renovation of the organ was an exciting and successful time for our church. A big thanks goes out to all who contributed towards the organ fund and especially to Dianne Case for her work in overseeing this project along with the organ committee. In the various ministries of our congregation, developed and coordinated by our Teams, our session, the deacons and other groups of the church, it is exciting to see the good spirit in our congregation and the dedication of our members and friends.

As I look to 2012 I have set up the following goals to work towards in the coming year.

- To ensure adequate visitation I will continue and work to improve on the following methods of scheduling visits:
  - ◇ Report all visits to both the session and the deacons
  - ◇ Ask session members and deacons for names of those needing

visits

- ◇ Review membership list regularly to see if there are those I believe need visits including in that consideration a note of any people whose worship attendance has decreased
- Reinststate a Bible Study program utilizing a series of 4 - 6 week studies.
  - ◇ I will ask people to sign up for these studies indicating whether they prefer a daytime study or an evening study. If there are enough people for both I will offer it at both times.
  - ◇ The first study will begin on January 26<sup>th</sup> and run for 6 weeks.
  - ◇ The Lenten season will have the soup suppers with a study and/or program.
  - ◇ Another study will be held beginning in October.
  - ◇ The final study of the year will be during Advent.
- I will begin having reports in the Cadpress on Presbytery meetings after each meeting I attend, my involvement in the Presbytery (once or twice a year), and my involvement in the community (once or twice a year).
- I will work with the session in developing an "Imagine FPC" committee.
  - ◇ This committee will work on developing a vision for FPC for the next ten years. This vision should include how we see the program and mission of the church in all areas and how each Team will work towards fulfilling this vision.

## Community Involvement

Is one of the areas of ministry listed in the annual pastoral evaluation form. Generally I have been rated positively in this area, and the session which is very familiar with my community involvement has been pleased with this aspect of my ministry. I also realize that not everyone is aware of the ways I am involved in our community. Therefore one of my goals for this year is to have an article several times a year highlighting ways I am involved in our community. This month will be predominately an overview of ways I have been and will continue to be involved in the community.

The first question might be "What is the importance of the pastor being involved in the community?" I believe that there are several reasons for my involvement. 1) By being involved in various organizations and ministries within our community I make myself visible and can serve as a focal point or voice of our congregation in the community. 2) The ministry we are called to as a church is one of reaching out in love and compassion to God's children and to go forth and share the Good News. Through my involvement that helps me to be out there sharing the Gospel. 3) Being involved in the community helps me to be aware of the issues our community faces. Along with being out there I also have begun reading the Cadillac News. I've never been a big newspaper reader (they tend to pile up when I've taken a paper before) but I am now receiving the paper at the church and read it each morning.

Here are ways I have been and am involved in our community. During the year I will highlight these different aspect of community involvement and the importance of them.

1. I am a member of Rotary Club of Cadillac
2. I was a member of the Board of Directors of the Cadillac Free Clinic for five years. I left this position about a year and a half ago to move on to other service.
3. I am a member of the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of Wexford County.
4. I am a member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA.
5. I am active in the Cadillac Area Ministerial Association.

### Lectionary Readings for February

#### February 5 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany -

Souper Bowl of Caring

Isa. 30:21 - 31; Ps. 147: 1 - 11, 20c;

I Cor. 9: 16 - 23; Mark 1: 29 - 39

#### February 12 - 6th Sunday after Epiphany (Pizza Sunday)

2Kings 5: 1 - 14; Ps. 30; I cor. 9:24 - 27;

Mark 1: 40 - 45

#### February 19 - Transfiguration of the Lord

2 Kings 2: 1 - 12; Ps. 50: 1 - 6; 2 Cor. 4: 3 - 6;

Mark 9: 2 - 9

#### February 26 - 1st Sunday in Lent

Gen. 9: 8 - 17; Ps. 25: 1 - 10; 1 Peter 3: 18 - 22;

Mark 1 : 9 - 15

### Sleigh Ride and Potluck

The Ninth Annual Presbyterian Sleigh

Ride will be held this year on Satur-

day, February 11 at 3:00 p.m. at

Geer's Farm (corner of Geers Road

and Highway 66 just north of

McBain). We will go on a sleigh ride

and have a potluck meal following in a

heated building. If you don't want to

go on the sleigh ride but want to enjoy the fellowship and meal

feel free to come and eat. There is a sign-up sheet outside of

the office so we know how many are coming and whether they

are bringing a main dish, salad, or dessert. The cost is \$4.00

for adults and \$10 per family.



### **Board of Deacons**

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Mary Bellows\*\*

Gail Lanphear\*

Karen Lempe\*

Linda Coffell\*\*

\*class of 2012

\*\*class of 2013



### **STAFF**

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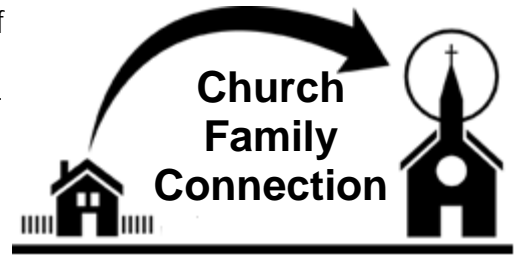
**Secretary:** Dorice Koetje

**Church Treasurer:** HelenAnn Hoblet

**Choir Director:** Robert MacCord

**Pianist:** Susan Knoth

**Sally Cox** was born and raised in Cadillac, She has been a member of our church since 1947. Her favorite past times she has enjoyed include ice skating, skiing and other outdoor sports. One of her favorite memories is of an exciting trip to the west, including travel to the Grand Canyon and up the coast of California, Oregon and Washington. Sally is a registered nurse who has worked in both Traverse City and Cadillac. Her favorite Bible passage is Psalm 103.



**The McTaggart family**, Josh, Brooke, Emma and Cameron have lived in Cadillac since 2001. They joined First Presbyterian church in 2004. Josh and Brook both grew up in the Bay City Area. They met through mutual friends, married and lived in Bay City until their move to Cadillac. Both Josh and Brooke work for Consumers Energy. Brooke is an elder of our church and Josh has been active on our softball team. Cameron is 13 and is on a traveling baseball team. Basketball is another of his sports interests. Emma is 9 and is involved in dance and soccer. Both are active in church youth activities. The McTaggart family really enjoy trips home to visit relatives. They also enjoy camping and exploring other Michigan cities. Brooks says the family is grateful for their First Presbyterian Church home. And we are grateful for their gift of friendship and their contributions to different church activities.

**There** are a few things going on in the Christian Ed. Corner this month. We have the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 5, 2012. This is always a fun event, with a chili cook-off, and a lot of fun for everyone. This year we are offering a little bit of a challenge to the congregation. We have set the goal of reaching 700.00 dollars donated to combat local hunger. If 700.00 or more comes in for this ministry, Pastor Paul and I will be shaving our heads right there in the fellowship hall—immediately upon reaching the goal. That could be a real sight to see. So at least come to see if that happens, even if you don't like chili all that much. There will also be a trophy awarded, and the reigning chili cook-off champions will be competing again to defend their title.



We also have a sledding party planned for the kids on February 12, right after church, to take place at Diggins Hill. This is intended to replace the regular PYG and EGG meetings for February, so there will not be individual PYG or EGG meetings during the month. Please understand that this is truly an event for all ages, so even you adults are invited. We would like this to be a family friendly event, as we will need to have lots of chaperones for the kids and plenty of adult supervision for everything that will take place. We will return to the church around 2pm for some hot chocolate and refreshments. Talk to me for more details. Our Sunday school program is going quite well, but never fear, we still need a couple of volunteers to assist in the coming months, so there is plenty of room for you to get involved. We have some really excellent teachers, and all we have room for are a few assistants to come alongside them and help keep things running smoothly. Please consider volunteering, as this is a great opportunity for the adults in our congregation to get to know all of our wonderful kids. Thanks, Don Phillips DCE

### Session News

The session met for its regular meeting on Sunday, January 22 at 9:30. This time was due to a snow cancellation on Tuesday evening. Beth Wallin was elected as Clerk of Session. HelenAnn Hoblet was elected as treasurer for the year. All committee reports were received. The Worship Team presented the dates for communion for the year and these were approved. Pastor Paul reported on his activities. He also suggested developing an "Imagine FPC" committee to do some visioning for the church as to what we would like the church to look like and be over the next ten years. This committee will consist of a member of each ministry Team, a member of the deacons, a youth group member, Don Phillips and Pastor Paul. Pastor Paul also reported on a project being sponsored by the Cadillac Area Ministerial Association called Numana – or locally it will be called Cadillac Cares for Children. This project will entail getting volunteers and monetary donations to package bagged meals (rice, beans, nutrients) to be shipped over seas. The session agreed to have our congregation participate in this project. More details will be available soon.

## February Birthdays

2/1 Cheri Karttunen  
 2/3 Jim Mosher  
 2/4 Joan Tossey  
 2/4 Jim Prince  
 2/5 Marcia Fredricks  
 2/5 Kristyn Mosher  
 2/6 Kimmer Wallis  
 2/6 Pamela Anderson  
 2/7 Phyllis Meyer  
 2/8 Jim Frisbie  
 2/8 Melissa Schultz  
 2/0 Stephanie LaBumbard  
 2/12 Clarence Hoffman  
 2/12 Erika Prince  
 2/12 Ashley Alto  
 2/13 Rachel Lepine  
 2/15 Ginny Wallis  
 2/15 Dave Foley  
 2/17 Chuck Hartsell  
 2/18 Matthew Groulx  
 2/19 Larry Terrell  
 2/20 Doug Mellema  
 2/21 Chris Huckle  
 2/22 Sheryn Mosher  
 2/22 Shawn Beerens  
 2/23 Hailey Alto  
 2/25 Sally Cox  
 2/25 Sharon Hartsell  
 2/25 Jacob Groulx  
 2/27 Grace Knoth

## February Anniversaries

2/14 Henry Rueter and Cynthia Sorensen  
 2/24 Mike and Linda DeMarchis  
 2/27 Rob and Melissa Milkiewicz

Just a reminder to everyone that if the weather looks questionable on a Sunday morning please check your email. Pastor Paul will send out a mass email to everyone on his mailing list letting everyone know if Worship is cancelled. If you are not on his email list you will receive a call from your deacon. If you don't receive an email or phone call, call your deacon or the elder of the month to confirm whether there are services or not.



## Thank You

Dear Friend

It was a big surprise to receive an anonymous gift right before Christmas. I want to say thank you and tell you that it made the holiday season a little happier for Abby and me. Happy New Year! Millie Zukauskus

Dear Pastor Tomlinson and Congregation

Thank you again for your continued response with cash as you support us. Your church stands out as special. Cindy Evans - Director of Stehouwer Free Clinic

Dear Paul and our church family

Thank you for your visit and phone calls to my dad. It helped to divert his mind temporarily from his pain and suffering and reminded us all of who our help and strength comes from. Sincerely, The Bairds; Jack, Betty and Barb

Dear Friends;

Maureen lives in an Adult Foster Care home. She has only \$10 clear to spend on herself. Her conservator called Love INC saying Maureen needed a few things; nightgown, underwear, deodorant, and her glasses needed to be repaired. The Love INC worker made the necessary contacts, and between an nearby church, The INC Spot, and a couple of willing volunteers, Maureen now has the items she needed and she is able to read again through her repaired glasses.

Your financial help enables us to continue to **help churches help people**, and for that, we are truly grateful.

Blessings, Diane Wood, Director of Love INC

## Noon Group Outing

Noon Group will have lunch at Herradura's on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 12:15 p.m. If you have questions, talk to Bob Aten. Invite a friend and join the fellowship.



## St. Valentine's Sacrifice

Every February 14, we celebrate the loved ones in our lives with cards, flowers and chocolate. But Valentine's Day has another meaning that's been lost.

First declared a holiday by King Henry VIII of England in 1537, it commemorates the beheading of St. Valentine on February 14, 270 A.D. His crime? Performing wedding ceremonies after Roman Emperor Claudius II had outlawed marriage.

Valentine was martyred for faithfully doing the work God had given him. Although it's good to celebrate love and marriage, let's also remember the courage of a man who gave his life following his convictions.

