



Presby-Notes

January 2012

First Presbyterian Church
321 N. 5th Street
Beatrice, NE. 68310
Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn

It is the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Beatrice to know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love through worship, education and service.

JIMMY'S JOTTINGS...

Dear friends,

'Tis the new year! A new stage upon which God has placed us to share the love we have known in Jesus Christ with our neighbors on earth.

We have a challenge before us. The passing of long-time members in the past few years has meant that several folk who were in a position to support the church's mission with pledges in the thousands are gone from this life. Often, newer members are young people who cannot give so much. Others of us need to help fill the gap with additional commitments.

Why does the church always ask for money? It is because the church has no other source of income to pay the light bill, the wages of staff, and the costs of maintaining the building. School boards and County Commissioners can raise taxes — churches have no such revenue.

To merely have the building at 5th and High Streets, insured, heated, and maintained requires an average contribution per household of \$466 a year. That amount does not include administrative, pastoral, educational, or music ministries. That is merely keeping the building.

I hope, if you have not done so, you will consider an additional commitment to the pledge you have already made.

Shalom!
Pastor Jimmy

SESSION NEWS

Attendance figures for November were: 11/6 – **85**; 11/13 – **90**; 11/20 – **91**; 11/27 – **76** and in December: 12/4 – **150**; 12/11 – **125**.

Communion will be served January 8, 2012, The Baptism of Christ.

We will be serving Warren's Table on January 3, 2012.

Jeanette Thober along with Mike and Misty McGinty joined the Church at the Christmas Eve service. Mike and Misty's three children, Ainsley, Alayna and Wyatt were baptized. Please make them feel welcome.

The Church received \$15,000.00 from the John Rhodes Trust and the Session chose to apply the funds to the Elevator account. This makes the account around \$16,700.00. We are on our way and the Session also approved putting names on a name plate for those giving over \$500.00 to the account.

Thank you goes out to Linda McConnell, Matt McConnell and Teresa Wissler for your service on the Session. We appreciate your insight and energy brought to the Session.

Welcome Jesse Bolli to the Memorials and Endowment Committee and thank you Verna Tubbs for fulfilling your term.

De-Hanging of the Greens will be on January 9 with a soup supper at 6:30 p.m. provided by Westminster guild, then work after.

Session members are asked to get someone to make cookies three weeks out of each year. Please, if someone asks you, help us out.

Remember we are collecting e-mail addresses for announcements, Presby-notes, etc. so if you get an e-mail address, please call the Church and let Lennie know. The electronic age is upon us.

Thank you for the items collected for the "Baby shower" for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Many beautiful items were donated.

Julie A. Hay, Clerk of Session



Ciera Applegat	2
Dick Menke	6
Jimmy Shelbourn	7
Gwen Cooper	8
Ruth Gebhard	8
Lauren Bell	9
Renee Foster	15
Garnett Cox	19
Betty Nieveen	20
Ann Brown	21
Avis Brinkman	22
Jessica Thaut Wells	22
Dave Ahlstrand	23
John Cloutier	24
Aaron Whitmore	24
Pat Haberman	25
Karen Schlueter	25
Leigh Jedlicka	26
Denise Cook	28
Bob Wieck	28
Cheryl Honea	29
Frank Mitschler	30
Ken Drake	31

PRAYER CONCERNS THIS PAST MONTH

Pauline Spence, Kathy Sebby, Ruth Thober, Ruth Gebhard, Randy Wissler, Ruth Thober, Sarah Novotny, Nelsine Scofield, Jim & Marietta Herrington, Bob Wieck, David Bishop, Ken Drake, Barb Runge, Jack Rea, Cole Grant, Gracie Schultz, Pat Morris, Mike Willet, Bernie Guy, Thelma Dietze, Mike Drake, Bob Thober, Arthur & Eunice Langvardt, Betty Stawniak, Trevor Sedlacek and Judy Robak.

Our sympathy is with Neil and Linda McConnell on the death of Neil's mother, Velda Jaeger, on December 4th.

Our sympathy is also with Randy and Karen Schlueter on the death of Randy's mother, Evelyn Schlueter, on December 27.



USHERS & GREETERS FOR JANUARY

January 1st: Greeters—Jerry & Ardys Milke
Ushers—Chuck & Gail Brinkman, Glen Brinkman,
Sue Jedlicka

January 8th: Greeters—Kevin, Kelly, Kooper &
Kourtnie Lugenbeel
Ushers— Steve & Wendy Menke, Alan & Sharon
Langvardt

January 13th: Greeters: Jim & Jane Beavers
Ushers—Bob Hancock, Bill Rowe, Dick Scheideler,
Brad Thober

January 22nd: Greeters— Del & Ruth Martin
Ushers—Suzanne Byler, Paul & Julie Hay,
Ardyth Orwen

January 29th: Greeters—Frank & Shirley Mitschler
Ushers—Andy, Lynn, Emily & Allison Carothers

The deadline for submitting information for Presby-Notes is the 20th of the month

PW NEWS

PW will meet on Thursday January 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor All ladies of the church are invited.



The PW Book Club will meet Wednesday January 11 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss The Sherlockian by Graham Moore.

Thank you to all who supported our December projects:

The Gingerbread Project—\$80.00 to be used to purchase gloves and mittens for the Beatrice Backpack Program

The Angel Mitten Tree in the parlor

The Youth and Children's Christmas Program and JOYS soup Luncheon—\$400.00 to be used for future mission trips

JOYS Peanut Brittle and Fudge sale

January 8: Sunday School resumes with Super Sunday in Fellowship Hall

Sr. High JOYS Progressive Supper, 5:00 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church

January 15—Presby Sunday School Kids shopping for mittens

Family Fellowship Movie Night at 5:00 p.m.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON JANUARY 1.



We are participating in Suppers for Sarah. First Presbyterian Church will be preparing a meal for Sarah Novotny and her husband on the third Monday of each month. If you would be interested in preparing a meal for one of the months, please contact the church office at 223-3933. Or you can also purchase a gift certificate to a local restaurant that can be dropped off at the church and given to the Novotnys.

NEWS

& Notes

De-Hanging of the Greens: Help take down the Christmas decorations on Monday January 9.
Westminster Guild will host a soup supper for workers at 6:30 p.m.—Work follows.

Men's Fellowship meets Tuesday January 13 at 6:00 p.m.

PW Book Club will meet Wednesday January 11 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss The Sherlockian by Graham Moore.

Family Fellowship will enjoy a movie night Sunday January 15 at 5:00 p.m.

PW will meet Thursday January 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Congratulations to Jayma Beavers and DeShon Stansberry who were married on December 8.

Congratulations to Anni Harmon and Abby Schlueter upon graduation from UNMC's PA program on December 16.

A memorial service for Loraine Higgins will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday January 21.
NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

A warm welcome to our new members:

Micheal and Misty McGinty and family,
Ainsley, Alayna and Wyatt

Jeanette Thober

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 2.