



WESTERN SPIRE

Nancy's Nuggets for February 2014

It is snowing as I write this, and I love snow! One cannot proclaim love of snow too loudly as many are grumbling about the weather. It happens in February, no matter what the official Ground Hog says. It is the time of year when people tell me they can not wait until spring. But alas, we all must wait. Spring has a way of coming along when it is ready and not sooner. So, I have been ordering seed catalogues and thinking about my vegetable garden. We all can "think spring" while waiting for it to officially show up!

And, we have decided to start up our Sunday noon Bible Study to add a little light to the winter. Beginning on February 16th at The Rev's residence, we'll have soup and study. We have four weeks of study and a time change on March 9th (spring forward) before we gather for our congregational meeting, corned beef and Irish potatoes on March 16th and then three more lessons before Easter Sunday! That is seven lessons, a good biblical number... The stated purpose of the Gospel is that those who read may "believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name."

If you are interested in life in Christ's name and exploring with open-minded folks, please consider joining in the conversation.** As many of you may have heard me say: The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) were the network news of their day but John is wonderful character study as is Masterpiece Theater! Our think spring sermon series is John based as well...hopefully we will all be enlightened in the process.

Don't forget the Chili Cook off on February 9th after church in fellowship hall!

I am looking forward to seeing you all; come snow, sleet hail or whatever.
Let us keep lending light to the darkness of winter days.

Soli Deo Gloria! The Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell

**If you are interested in the John study, take a moment to let Kathy Barr know that you'll be coming and pick up a copy of an article on The Gospel of John by Floyd Filson from the church office. It is a good introduction.

Epiphany Season, 2014

The season of Epiphany, following Christmas, is a season of celebration and exploration for the church. We say we have had an epiphany when we see or are shown some revelation of God or the awesomeness of life. Literally Epiphany means, "to show forth."

We, as a congregation show God's love and light by resolving to strive toward this grand goal:

Western Presbyterian Church nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship, meaningful community and global involvement, worshipping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination and love.

The Gospel of John was written to confirm and secure Christians in faith; to anchor us in believing and thus serves as an excellent basis for our reflections.

February 2, 2014 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8 **Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 5:1- 12; 43-48

Sermon: "Unconditional" **The Rev. Timothy Johnson**

Reader: Rena Haigh

Toddler Room: Carol Sloan

Ushers: Alicia Lynch

Coffee Hour: Jackie DeBrine & Maja Hutter

February 9, 2014 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Psalm 23. **Gospel Lesson:** John 2: 1-12

Sermon: "The Joyful Feast"

Reader: Irene Fadden

Toddler Room: Maxine Babcock

Communion Elders: Janet Manktelow, Ed Plesa, and Paul Powell

Ushers: Alicia Lynch

Chili Cook Off

February 16, 2014 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Ezekiel 36:b 22-28 **Gospel Lesson:** John 3: 1-12; 31-36

Ecclesiastes 11:5; Sermon: "Spiritual Growth from Above"

Reader: Katharine Smith

Toddler Room: Janet Manktelow

Ushers: Alicia Lynch

Coffee Hour:

February 23, 2014 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Genesis 24: 15-67 **Gospel Lesson:** John 4: 1-30

Sermon: "Meaningful Community"

Reader: Sue Pringle

Toddler Room: Nancy Talma

Coffee Hour: Caroline Sarmiento and Dave & Jan Taylor

Ushers: Alicia Lynch

March 2, 2014 Transfiguration Sunday

First Lesson: Psalm 34 **Gospel Lesson:** John 1: 14-18 John 4: 21-24

Sermon: "Worshipping in Spirit and Truth"



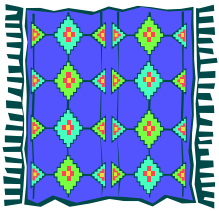
Deadline for the next SPIRE is Tuesday, February 18, 2014. Thank you!



We are in need of people to sign up for Sunday Coffee Hour. If you can help out, please fill in the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or contact Barbara Bucknam (597-5492). Many thanks!



Congratulations to Dona & John Kadlecik on the birth of their granddaughter Joanna Rejine Kadlecik on January 3, 2014.



Women's Association Blanket Sunday Mission February 9, 2014

It's time to mark your calendar for our annual Blanket Sunday mission, which is sponsored by the Women's Association. This is your opportunity to help support our neighbors near and far who are victims of ongoing natural disasters, violence and other emergencies.

Our donations are used to purchase new winter weight and summer weight blankets by Church World Service. Last year, blankets were shipped to Oklahoma in response to tornadoes and to Colorado in response to wildfires.

\$5.00 buys one blanket that is used as part of the Church World Service relief efforts around the world. The stockpiles of blankets must always be replenished for fast distribution. An envelope will be provided in the February 9th bulletin for your contribution or you may send a check to the church. Checks should be made out to the Western Presbyterian Church and marked "Blanket Fund".

**Canal Town Nursery School Pasta Dinner
February 1, 2014**

Serving 4:00-7:00 pm

at

Western Presbyterian Church

101 E. Main Street, Palmyra



Prices:

*\$15.00 per family, \$6.00 adults, \$5.00 seniors, \$3.00 children
ages 3-12, 2 and under free*

News from Session

The session has been busy the last few months!

The following motions were passed:

Approve the Pastors leave dates - Jan. 21 - Feb 4, 2014 and May 15 - 22, 2014.

Approve the wording of the Endowment Brochure designed by Patti Griffin and align it with other publications when the logo and color coordinates are in place.

Approve moving of people to inactive roll and set up a college roll.

Approve the membership of Donna Callerame and Betty Walker at session on Dec. 29, 2013. They will be presented to the congregation on Jan. 5, 2014.

Approve the election of Janet Manktelow as clerk of session and Eric Chapman as treasurer for 2014.

We set up a schedule for committees to keep in touch with the members on our college roll. They will be contacted quarterly just to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Session held a retreat at Nancy J.'s on January 11th. We spent time discussing the communication plan that came from our task force headed by Lynn Malboeuf and the Ad Council. We will present the first part of the report to the congregation on Jan 12th at the Annual meeting. We will hold 3 more congregational meetings on March 16, May 18, and October 19th where we will continue to share the communication reports with our goals and specific ways to execute them.

We discussed the agenda for the annual congregational meeting on Jan. 12, 2014.

That's it until next month!

Janet Manktelow
Clerk



TODDLER SCHEDULE

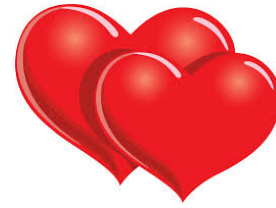
Below is the Schedule for staffing of the Toddler Room during the 10:00 AM Sunday morning service. Thank you in advance for your extremely important mission of providing infant and toddler care. Please arrive about 10-15 minutes early. Many thanks!

02/02/14	Carol Sloan	597-5182
02/09/14	Maxine Babcock	986-0926
02/16/14	Janet Manktelow	597-4314
02/23/14	Nancy Talma	597-5003
03/02/14	Edie Chapman	597-6119
03/09/14	Jan Taylor	597-4293
03/16/14	Maxine Babcock	986-0926
03/23/14	Katie Mitchell	597-5653
03/30/14	Ruth Dantz	597-2143
04/06/14	Irene Fadden	986-1340
04/13/14	Laurie Ellis	597-5934
04/20/14	Rena Haigh	597-5971
04/27/14	Maxine Babcock	986-0926



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 1	Eudora Eagley
February 1	James DePoint
February 1	James Bush
February 3	Lynette LaBerge
February 7	Susan Jacobs
February 8	Frank Koeberle
February 11	Patricia Dlugosh
February 11	Heather Graves-Markham
February 13	Frank Lawrence
February 13	Daphne Hemmings
February 13	Margaret Eskild
February 14	Sylvia Lyon
February 17	C. Robert Culver
February 19	Gene Bassage
February 21	Stephen Morrell
February 21	Martha Beato
February 23	Donna Scribner
February 24	Edie Chapman
February 25	Janet Manktelow



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 14	Sylvia & David Lyon
February 15	Sandy & Jerry Kelly

If you are an active member and we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time. If your anniversary or birthday is missing, it means it was not in the Data Base, which is where we get the list.



FEBRUARY 2014

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
						1 4-7 pm Pasta Dinner CTNS FH
2	3 7 pm CTNS	4 2 pm Deacons	5 7 pm Mission/Social Concerns	6 7 pm Choir	7	8
9 Chili Cook-Off Blanket Sunday	10	11 6:30 pm Property 7 pm Worship	12	13 7 pm Choir	14 6:30-9 pm 4H FH	15
16 No Sunday School Noon Study Group at Rev. Nancy's	17 Martin Luther King's Birthday Church Office Closed	18 SPIRE DEADLINE	19 7 pm Finance 7:30 pm Circle IV	20 7 pm Choir	21	22
23 Noon Study Group at Rev. Nancy's	24	25 7 pm Session	26	27 7 pm Choir	28	



MARCH 2014

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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2 Sweets & Treats Noon Study Group at Rev. Nancy's	3 7 pm Fellowship 7 pm CTNS & Christian Ed. at Nancy's house	4 2 pm Deacons	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 7 pm Service	6 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	7	8
9 Noon Study Group at Rev. Nancy's	10	11 6-9 pm King's Daughter's FH & Kit. 6:30 pm Property 7 pm Worship	12	13 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	14 6:30-9 pm 4H FH	15
16 Congregational Meeting	17	18 SPIRE DEADLINE	19 7 pm Finance 7:30 pm Circle IV	20 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	21	22 10 am -2 pm 4H FH
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