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Good News

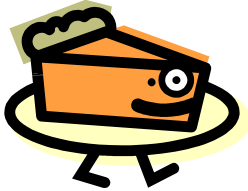
Reaching out to make disciples.

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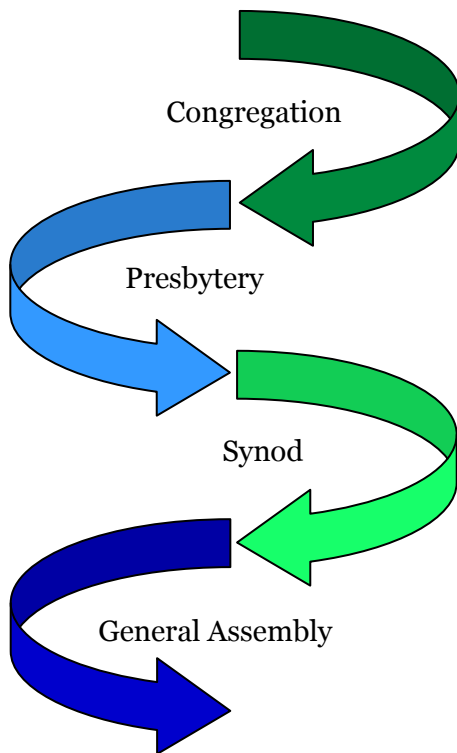
The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Presents Partners in Education

**Saturday, January 7th ~ 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Hilliard Presbyterian Church
3600 Leap Road, Hilliard**

Registration and refreshments begin at 9:00 a.m., and there are several topics for the morning classes that begin at 9:30 a.m. Following lunch The Rev. Dr. Paul Hooker will speak on "Freedom to Serve: Using the Book of Order to Move Toward Mission." Deadline to register for the full program and lunch is **Monday, January 2nd. Brochures with registration information are available on the table in the Lounge.**

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Per Capita



What is per capita?

Per capita is the amount we pay to the Presbytery for governance. The 2012 per capita is \$32.88 per confirmed member. If your family has two adult members and two confirmed children the per capita amount is \$131.52 (4 times \$32.88).

The breakdown of the per capita is as follows:

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|---------------------------|---------|
| General Assembly PC USA | \$ 6.63 |
| The Synod of the Covenant | \$ 3.25 |
| Scioto Valley Presbytery | \$23.00 |

The Session feels strongly that as a Presbyterian Church we must support our Presbytery, the General Assembly, and the Synod. If a confirmed member does not voluntarily pay their per capita, the funds are paid by Boulevard from the general fund. This payment directly reduces the amount that can be used for mission activities. If you are on automatic payment of your gifts and offerings and need a per capita envelope there are some available in your pew and in the lounge.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I've shared many times that I don't usually do New Year's resolutions. I'm not opposed to them; they're just not a habit I ever picked up. But I still like New Year's celebrations. There's something special about saying "Goodbye" (sometimes "Good riddance") to the old year and welcoming in a new one. A new year speaks of starting over, of a fresh start, and who couldn't use one of those once in a while.

Fresh starts might be worth considering before we get too far removed from Christmas. In the runup to Christmas, we've had the annual snarkiness about "Happy Holidays" and "Merry Christmas." Many have felt obliged to point out (often with a chip on their shoulder) that "Jesus is the reason for the season." But true as this may be, do we know what Jesus is the reason for other than Christmas?

Seems to me that Jesus is all about fresh starts. Jesus didn't come to boost the economy with a Christmas shopping season, and neither did he come to tell all the good religious folks what a good job they were doing. Rather he came to save sinners, says the Bible. He calls people to follow him, to leave where they are and become something more. And the only people who he has much trouble with are satisfied religious types who presume they've got the faith thing all figured out, who don't think they need to grow or to have a fresh start.

When you read literature on congregations and leadership, one of the things you see repeatedly is how difficult change is for congregations. They are often masters at resisting it. This is true to some extent in all organizations and institutions, but congregations often treat their resistance to change as though it were an article of faith. Considering how often Jesus and the New Testament talk about growing and changing (Remember that to "repent" means to change.), it seems a bit odd how many Christians think that the Church's job is mostly to preserve and maintain. But if Jesus proclaims a Kingdom that is drawing near, then mustn't Christians be moving toward it? Unless the Kingdom arrived and I missed it, the promise that Jesus proclaims is not in the past but in the future. And we are called to help reveal that future to the world.

Life and vitality is always about change and movement. Luke's gospel makes a point of telling us that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom..." that he "increased in wisdom and years, and in divine and human favor." (Luke 2:40, 52) Think about that. The Word made flesh grew and changed. For humans, to do otherwise is to die.

And now here comes a New Year, a fresh start. It is full of hope and possibility, hope and possibility that will be realized when we are open to growth and fresh starts. We do not throw everything old away, but we know that we are not there yet, that there is more to come.

At BPC there will be a new mission trip to Honduras this year, and there are the beginnings of a plan to renovate the sanctuary. That will require preserving the things that are good about it and helps us worship well, but will also mean changing some aspects to make it a better worship space that helps more people encounter God as they worship. And there will be other new things and fresh starts. There will be invitations into a bright future because the future belongs to God.

It is 2012. What fresh start is Jesus calling you to make? What new hope and possibility is Christ calling you to be a part of?

Peace in Christ,

Session Update At its November meeting the Session:

- Spent time in prayer, singing, and reading Scripture
- Spent an extended time discussing the work of the Sanctuary Renovation Exploration Committee. The Committee showed some tentative, conceptual ideas that were well received, and the Session asked the Committee to make a presentation to the congregation in January.
- Approved a Congregational Meeting for January 22 @ 10:00 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. This Annual Meeting would receive reports from various committees and Ministry Teams about activities and plans along with the budget for 2012, and vote on the pastor's annual terms of call.
- Approved receiving Lew Pflaum as a member by "Reaffirmation of Faith" and the baptism of Emma Katherine Lobao.
- Invited Doug Browne, elder from Hilliard Presbyterian and seminary student, to preach on January 1
- Heard reports from the Scioto Valley Presbytery meeting, including discussion on the status of the investigation into former executive presbyter Dana Knapp's misuse of presbytery funds.



Coming Soon ~ Curriculum Review

The Christian Education Team is re-evaluating the children's Sunday School curriculum and considering making some changes. We are planning to form a small, short-term group of people to search for a new curriculum. We welcome teachers, parents, and anyone interested in finding a quality program to teach beginning Biblical and Christian life knowledge to our young students. Please contact Jan Plas at 486-7510 or janplas4@gmail.com or Martha Hills at 261-1919 if you would like to help or to express your opinions.

Kids Club Resumes!

This past fall, Boulevard's new Kids Club enjoyed great success! A great group of kids from our church and our neighborhood enjoyed evenings filled with fun, games, crafts, laughter, on-site service projects, dinner, and most importantly, learning about how much God loves us! **We will be resuming the fun on Wednesday, January 11th. Joyful Noise Choir will resume on the 11th as well.** Kids Club runs from 4:30 to 6:15 every Wednesday. Please share this ministry with your friends and neighbors. Don't have any kids yourself, but want to get involved? Great! We are always in need of cooks for the kitchen, adults to lead crafts and play games, and people who want to share Christ's love. **Please contact Jeremy Roberts if you are interested in volunteering 614-486-0267 ext. 16 or robertsjj1@hotmail.com.**

2012 Flower Calendar



Our 2012 Flower Calendar is posted and ready to accept donor names.

If you would like to donate flowers for our Sunday worship services, please pick up one of the yellow envelopes labeled "Offering for Flowers." The envelopes are in the church lounge and office. Simply complete the envelope, enclose your check or cash, and either drop it in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to the church office. The cost of an arrangement is \$30.00. The arrangements may be picked up following the 11:15 service.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 22nd ~ 10:00 a.m.

The Session has called the Annual Congregational meeting for **Sunday, January 22nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.** The purpose of the Congregational Meeting is to review the adequacy of the Pastor's Terms of Call.

A Big Thank You to Our Wonderful Office Volunteers!

Behind the scenes volunteers help with various projects that keep the church office running smoothly. A big thank you goes out to the following folks who are office volunteers!

Jim Bailey
Glenn Beaber
Marlin Cheyney
Dick Christman
Allyson Engdahl
Connie Freeman
Joan Kegg
Don Kibbey

Norma Kibbey
Sally Neff
Jane Perry
Jim Perry
Jan Plas
Melissa Schmidt
Shawn Sledge

Be sure to let me know if I missed anyone, and please accept my apology!



Local Mission Opportunities



SERVING MEALS TO THE HOMELESS

Dinner Hosting at YWCA Family Center January 15th at 5:00 p.m.

We will be preparing and serving dinner at the YWCA Family Center on **Sunday, January 15th at 5:00 p.m.**

There are many ways to help! You may help by providing food, preparing food, or helping to serve at the Family Center. Sign-up sheets will be in the Lounge. Please plan to join us and let us know how you will be able to help!

NNEMAP Food Pantry

The next Food Mission Sunday is **January 22nd** (the fourth Sunday of each month), and our needs this month are:

- ◆ Canned Chicken
- ◆ Chunky Soup
- ◆ Bars of Hand Soap (Not Liquid)

Brown grocery bags are always needed.

Don't throw them away!

The shampoo, soap, lotion and coffee packets that hotels provide for guests are ideal for NNEMAP clients, particularly the homeless. Bring these items with your monthly food donations and they will be distributed at the pantry!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Hats, Mittens and Socks — Oh My!!

Through January 15th, we are again collecting new hats, mittens and socks for children served by Neighborhood Services, Inc. (NSI). A basket will be available for you to drop off your purchases. We will make a delivery to NSI the week of January 15th. We will also accept monetary donations as well. You may drop off a check in the collection plate or in the office ~ please note in the memo section of your checks "Hats/Mittens/Socks." Your continuous support of this mission is much appreciated!!

January Good News

The *Good News* is now being distributed by email. If you are not on our email distribution list, copies are available at the church in the narthex and lounge. If you would like to receive our newsletter via email, please contact the church office (486-0267 or office@blvdchurch.org). The *Good News* is also available on our website www.blvdchurch.org. Thank you.



2012 Offering Envelopes

Please stop by the table in the Lounge to pick up your Offering Envelopes for 2012. For your convenience the envelopes are arranged alphabetically.

Growing in Faith, Building Christ's Body

We have received pledges totaling \$225,480. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible so the Session can begin planning for the 2012 budget. Thank you!

Contributions and Expenses November 2011

| | Actual | Budget |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Contributions | 21,593.63 | 32,749.99 |
| Expenses | <u>26,585.85</u> | <u>33,264.47</u> |
| Surplus or (Deficit) | <u>(4,992.22)</u> | <u>(514.48)</u> |
| Year-to-Date | | |
| Contributions | 342,703.28 | 360,249.89 |
| Expenses | <u>332,059.18</u> | <u>365,909.17</u> |
| Surplus or (Deficit) | <u>10,644.10</u> | <u>(5,659.28)</u> |

Sunday Morning Christian Education

| Grade | Description | Room |
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| Preschool | We Believe ~ Beginning approximately age 3 ~ for those children not yet in Kindergarten. | 202 |
| Kindergarten to Third Grade | “Rotation” classes. We have a combined K-1st Grade class and a combined 2nd-3rd Grade class. They rotate to different classrooms in order to explore a single topic over several weeks using different learning methods (ie. Games, cooking). Please see Rotation Schedule. | Various See Below |
| 4th to 7th Grade | I Know My Bible: New Testament | 305 |
| 8th to 12th Grade | Walking With Christ | 303 |

| <i>Rotation Sunday School Children of the Bible</i> | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| DATES | K-1 st Grade | Grades 2-3 |
| January 8th | Holy-Wood Room 301 | Creation Station Room 113 |
| January 15th | Creation Station Room 113 | Holy-Wood Room 301 |
| January 22nd | Mission Kitchen Room 103 | Antioch Arcade Room 302 |
| January 29th | Antioch Arcade Room 302 | Mission Kitchen Room 103 |

Sunday Morning Adult Education Offerings for January

Sunday, January 1st ~ No Sunday School

Sunday, January 8th and 15th ~ The Lord’s Supper and Communion to the Homebound

Sunday, January 22nd ~ Annual Congregational Meeting ~ Sanctuary

Sunday, January 29th ~ Brad Binau



The Lord’s Supper and Communion to the Homebound

Would you like to learn more about the Lord’s Supper and our ministry of serving communion to our homebound members? This class will train those who would like to help extend the Lord’s table to those not able to be with us in worship. And it will examine our Presbyterian understanding of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, what it means and what we believe “happens” when we take part.

Anyone who has ever been ordained as an elder or deacon can become a homebound communion server through this training. But the class itself is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the Lord’s Supper. This class meets during the Education hour on January 8th and 15th and will be taught by Pastor James Sledge.

January 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p align="right">1</p> <p>Happy New Year! First Sunday After Christmas Cents-Ability Sunday 10:00 am Worship: Sanctuary</p> | <p align="right">2</p> <p>Holiday Church Closed</p> | <p align="right">3</p> <p>10:00 am Staff 7:30 pm AA Group</p> | <p align="right">4</p> <p>5:45 pm Pack Committee 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Session 7:30 pm NA Group</p> | <p align="right">5</p> <p>6:00 pm Music Team 7:00 pm FA Group 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal GA Group</p> | <p align="right">6</p> <p>Epiphany</p> | <p align="right">7</p> |
| <p align="right">8</p> <p>Baptism of the Lord 9:00 am Worship: Chapel 10:00 am Christian Ed 11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary</p> | <p align="right">9</p> <p>1:00 pm Staff 7:00 pm Deacons Worship and Music Boy Scouts</p> | <p align="right">10</p> <p>7:00 pm Discipleship Property 7:30 pm AA Group</p> | <p align="right">11</p> <p>9:00 am Quilters 4:30 pm Kids Club 6:15 pm Joyful Noise Cub Den 21 7:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm NA Group</p> | <p align="right">12</p> <p>9:45 am Naomi Circle 10:30 am PW Bible Study 6:00 pm Music Team 7:00 pm FA Group 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal GA Group</p> | <p align="right">13</p> | <p align="right">14</p> |
| <p align="right">15</p> <p>9:00 am Worship: Chapel 10:00 am Christian Ed 11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary 5:00 pm Host Dinner at YWCA Family Center</p> | <p align="right">16</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day Church Closed 10:00 am Finance and Personnel 7:00 pm Christian Ed Boy Scouts</p> | <p align="right">17</p> <p>10:00 am Staff 7:30 pm AA Group</p> | <p align="right">18</p> <p>9:00 am Quilters 4:30 pm Kids Club 6:15 pm Joyful Noise Cub Den 4 7:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm NA Group</p> | <p align="right">19</p> <p>6:00 pm Music Team 7:00 pm FA Group 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal GA Group</p> | <p align="right">20</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> | <p align="right">21</p> |
| <p align="right">22</p> <p>Food Mission Sunday 9:00 am Worship: Chapel 10:00 am Congregational Meeting: Sanctuary Christian Ed 11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary</p> | <p align="right">23</p> <p>1:00 pm Staff 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Cub Den 7</p> | <p align="right">24</p> <p>7:30 pm AA Group</p> | <p align="right">25</p> <p>9:00 am Quilters 4:30 pm Kids Club 6:15 pm Joyful Noise 7:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm NA Group</p> | <p align="right">26</p> <p>6:00 pm Music Team 7:00 pm FA Group 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal GA Group</p> | <p align="right">27</p> | <p align="right">28</p> |
| <p align="right">29</p> <p>9:00 am Worship: Chapel 10:00 am Christian Ed 11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary 12:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> | <p align="right">30</p> <p>7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p> | <p align="right">31</p> <p>7:30 pm AA Group</p> | | | | |



Boulevard Prayer Chain

If you would like to make a prayer request, please contact Jan Plas at 486-7510 or the Church Office at 486-0267.

Recent Prayer Concerns

Sara Beaber, recuperating at home
 Mary Ann Byers, Arlington Court
 Dick Christman, at home
 Cathie Cope, recuperating at home
 Harriett Curtis, Westminster Thurber Rehab
 Fred Ferris, at home
 Barbara Frautschi, at home
 Mary Harris, at home
 Gus Hoehl, at home
 Kay Jones, at home
 Brita Knapp, continued remission
 Hob Neff, at home
 Mark Nicholson, receiving treatment
 Peggy Pasko, at home
 Dorothy Pinney, at home
 Eric Rieve, Columbus Alzheimer Care Center
 Ann Savage, recuperating at home
 Mary Thomas, at home
 Margaret Ward, Westminster Thurber HCC

Christian Sympathies To . . .

The family and friends of Phoebe McConnell who passed away on December 4, 2011.

Becky Metzler and family on the death of Becky's brother, Johnny Murday, on December 7, 2011.

Congratulations To . . .

Cameron and Nicole McLeod on the birth of their son, Ian Cameron McLeod, on November 30, 2011. Congratulations also to proud grandmother, Suzanne McLeod.



Celebrating January Birthdays

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|--------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Mary Lou Wright | 2 | Mary Ann Stockum | 10 |
| Nathan Ells | 4 | Everest Osborne | 10 |
| Charmaine Hamilton | 5 | Grace parks | 14 |
| Allyson Engdahl | 6 | Theresa Brooks | 15 |
| Shirley Wagner | 7 | Shannon Christopher | 17 |
| Joan keg | 8 | Mary Lou Weese | 20 |
| Melissa Schmidt | 8 | Charles Ingraham | 21 |
| Alice Fowls | 9 | Robert Bullock | 22 |
| Ruth Smith | 10 | Louise Conner | 31 |

Boulevard Staff

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Session

Class of 2012

Mary Clifton
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Ian Rennick
Melissa Schmidt

Class of 2013

Ginny Achtermann
Jim Bailey
Phyllis Miller
Kay Rieve

Class of 2014

Jan Plas
Ken Pierce
Sandy Ferguson
Travis Williamson

Deacons

Class of 2012

George Ells
Allyson Engdahl
Paul McCalla
Stefanie Osborne

Class of 2013

Amy Johnson
Carol McFadden
Michael Schmidt

Class of 2014

Jane Conner
Marty Kuhn
Sean McCormick

Cents-Ability Update

Nickels for Hunger
2-Cents-A-Meal
Penny Power!

Our new program year just started and so far \$258.50 has been donated for Cents-Ability.

Please remember to put your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in your Cents-Ability bank each day, then bring your banks to church and add your loose change to the Cents-Ability jar!

Deadline for February Good News
Friday January 20th