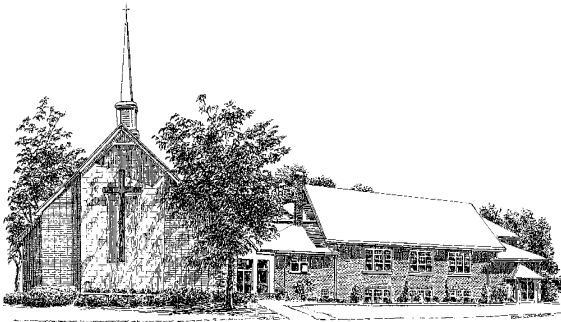


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The CELEBRATE February/March 2008

*"We humbly yet boldly step into the future, following
in the footsteps of Jesus on our journey of faith."*

February Highlights

February 8th ~ 6:30pm

Game Night

February 10th ~ 11:15am

Annual Meeting

Wednesdays, February 13th, 20th, 27th ~ 7:30pm

Lenten Journey Services

February 17th ~ 10am

Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons

March Highlights

March 2nd ~ 10am

Worship – Boy Scout Sunday

Wednesdays, March 5th, 12th ~ 7:30pm

Lenten Journey Services

March 16th ~ 10am

Palm Sunday Worship Service

March 20th ~ 7pm

Maundy Thursday Service

March 23rd ~ 10am

Easter Sunday Worship Service

FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

February 2008

<i>February 3^d</i>	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9	<i>February 17th 2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5,13-17 John 3:1-17
<i>February 10th 1st Sunday in Lent</i>	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	<i>February 24th 3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42

March 2008

<i>March 2nd 4th Sunday in Lent</i>	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	<i>March 23rd Easter Sunday</i>	Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10 Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114 1 Corinthians 5:6b – 8 Luke 24:13-49
<i>March 9th 5th Sunday in Lent</i>	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45		
<i>March 16th Palm Sunday</i>	Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54	<i>March 30th</i>	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

WORSHIP & MUSIC



Look out! Before you know it, Lent will be upon us! We begin Lent early this year with Ash Wednesday falling on February 6th. We will not have an Ash Wednesday service this year but will include local services in our upcoming bulletins so that you may attend a service nearby. We have the pulpit filled through the end of April with guest preachers and the preachers are listed in the Celebrate calendar. On February 10th we will be celebrating Communion prior to our annual meeting. On February 17th the Installation/Ordination of Elders and Deacons is scheduled. We look forward to celebrating Communion on Palm

Sunday and receiving the traditional palms on March 16th as we enter Holy Week. We will have a service on Maundy Thursday at 7pm and Richard Jones will be in the pulpit for Easter Sunday!

We are in need of ushers for April – October and the month of December. Please talk to Tim Miller if you would be interested. Training will be provided so no need to be concerned if you haven't done it in the past. Remember we always are in need of your time and talents!



If you have questions or concerns regarding our worship services or our music please let me know. We're looking forward to having Sue back at the organ in the not too distant future!

Deb Goggins

YOUNG AT HEART

Our Young at Heart lunches are back at full swing again. For the month of February we will be meeting on the 6th and the 20th. For the month of March we will be meeting only on March 5th. We will not meet again until April 16th. This will allow the cooks to go on vacation at Easter time. We hope to see you all there on the above dates.

Your Happy Cooks, Dick & Edie Fischer

FAITH EDUCATION

The Faith Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00pm and on Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00pm. If you have some new ideas, please come and share them with us. We hope to see a few new faces.

The Faith Education Committee invites you to a Game Night on Friday, February 8th at 6:30pm. All we ask is that you bring a snack to share, we will provide the beverages. If you have a favorite game bring it with you. If you don't, that's okay we have plenty of games to choose from. Invite your friends and family to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.



Sunday School News - During Lent the children in Wee-Worship and the K-4 classes will be learning about people who spent time with Jesus, like Zacchaeus. They will talk about what it was like to meet Jesus and how that experience changed their lives. They will also learn about The Lord's Supper and Jesus' death and resurrection.

There will be **NO** Sunday School on Easter. We invite the children to join their families in Church as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

FEBRUARY 2008

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur	Fri.	Sat.
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3 10am Worship Carla Kline preaching 11am Fellowship Time	4	5 Faith Education Meeting 7pm	6 Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7	8 Game Night 6:30pm	9
10 10am Worship w/ Communion Annual Meeting Rev. Amy Jelensperger preaching 11am Fellowship Time <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	11	12 Session Meeting 7pm	13 Worship & Music Meeting 7pm Lenten Journey @ 14 Holy Helpers 7:30pm	14	15	16
17 10am Worship Installation of Officers Rev. Richard McConnell preaching 11am Fellowship Time <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	18	19	20 Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm Lenten Journey @ Covenant United Methodist 7:30pm	21	22	23
24 10am Worship Dick Petersen preaching 11am Fellowship Time <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	25	26	27 Lenten Journey @ St. Catherine's of Sienna 7:30pm	28	29	30

LENTEN JOURNEY 2008 The West Seneca Community of Churches is once again sponsoring the Lenten Journey Services. The services will be held at 7:30pm on the 5 Wednesdays in Lent. This year's theme is "Discipleship – Called to be Alive in Christ." A monetary offering will be collected along with non-perishable food goods at each service. The monetary offering will be divided between IHN, St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, and the Response to Love Center. The non-perishable food will be taken to the West Seneca Food Pantry.

March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 10am Worship Boy Scout Sunday Carla Kline preaching 11am Fellowship Time <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	3	4 Faith Education Meeting 7pm	5 Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm Lenten Journey @ New Hope United Methodist 7:30pm	6	7	8
9 10am Worship Dick Petersen preaching 11am Fellowship Time <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	10	11	12 Lenten Journey @ West Seneca Developmental Center 7:30pm	13	14	15
16 10am Worship Rev. Richard McConnell preaching 11am Fellowship Time <i>Palm Sunday</i>	17	18	19	20 Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7pm	21	22
23 10am Worship Richard Jones preaching 11am Fellowship Time <i>Easter Sunday</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10am Worship Gladys Gifford preaching 11am Fellowship Time	31					

CHURCH & SOCIETY

What a great job everyone did bringing in items for the Angel Clothesline/Basket. A total of 27 hats, 24 pairs of mittens/gloves, 12 packages of socks, 6 packages of underwear, 2 hat/mitten sets, and 1 handmade scarf were given to Interfaith Hospitality Network. There was a mixture of sizes, genders and colors so people had a lot to choose from. Thanks again for your help and cooperation.
Barb Kissel

In The Life of The Church

FEBRUARY & MARCH BIRTHDAYS

February	4 th	Bill Seifert
	7 th	John Christmann
		Nancy Kester
	8 th	Evan Reed
	13 th	Myrt Halligan
	15 th	Helen Sommer
	19 th	Tom Vaughan
	21 st	Ron Piersa
	26 th	Crystal Giammarise
	28 th	Wendy Warren
	29 th	Sandy Fiegl

March	1 st	Sue Boulter
	3 rd	Cheryl Wilczak
	10 th	Ollie Hanna
	11 th	Morgan Rodgers
	12 th	Sue Piersa
		Hillary Stoklosa
	15 th	Megan Barnhart
	16 th	Denny Bengert
	17 th	Karen Lindak
	20 th	Amber Messore
	22 nd	Ed Gutowski
	23 rd	Karen Malyszka
		Betty Rasp
	25 th	Gracie Schurr
	26 th	Robin Miller
	28 th	Maureen George
		Tom Wilczak



NOTES OF THANKS

The church would like to say thank you to Bengert Greenhouses for providing snowplowing services and plants for the church throughout the year. We are grateful that the snow is always plowed for any church functions that are planned and we love the beautiful plants.

Also, we would like to thank Bengert Flower Shop for the flowers and the Christmas wreaths. The flowers are very much appreciated and add to our worship services. The Christmas wreaths are beautiful and have been carefully stored to be used for years to come.

Thank you for your support!
Deb Goggins, Worship and Music Committee

To my "extended family" at First Presbyterian,
Little did I think, when I took my vacation last summer, what an extended one it would be. My second hip replacement is scheduled for Jan 18th and I should finally be out of pain. I so much appreciated the cards, prayers and visits from all of you. You are such a caring congregation and I feel so close to you all.

We are so blessed to have people to keep the music department "cooking" while I'm looking forward to getting back "in the swing of things".

Bless you all,

Much Love,

Sue

Dear Donna,

Thank you for your generous contribution. Your gift of \$68 will enable us to provide vital assistance to those affected by HIV/AIDS.

Our agency's singular and distinctive services include psychotherapy, pastoral care, counseling, and support groups for persons living with HIV/AIDS. These programs are also available for their family and friends. Additionally, we operate a food pantry for clients with limited incomes.

Our overarching goal is for people affected by HIV/AIDS to have a quality of life that includes reduced suffering, hope for the future, a sense of purpose, and the ability to participate fully in their work, their communities, and their families. Your gift will help make this vision a reality.

Gratefully,

Jessica Walker, Executive Director, AIDS Family Services

Dear Diane,

On behalf of everyone associated with the Renaissance Campus, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for the very generous donation of \$425 to benefit the Kids Escaping Drugs Holiday Giving Campaign.

Your gift will directly benefit the Renaissance Campus and the programs provided.

Because of your generosity, local children and their families that are lost and lonely now have a chance to have a healthy, productive life free of chemical addiction.

For that, they and everyone associated with the Kids Escaping Drugs Campaign are eternally grateful.

Once again, thank you for helping us give our kids their lives back.

With Serenity,

JoAnne A. Hudecki, Executive Director, Renaissance Campus

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members of our congregation

Bruce Barrows ♦ Ollie Hanna ♦ Nancy Hay ♦ Sue Maciejewski ♦ Joe & Diane Molnar
♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ Betty Sroczyk

Family & Friends of our congregation

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Erna Burdick (Sue Piersa) ♦
Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta
(Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories
(Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Lorraine Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦
Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy
Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Garrett Kensy (Marilyn Mohr)
♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis
Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Aaron
Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦
Eleanor Molnar (Joe Molnar) ♦ Sandy Northem ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦
Christopher Rutski (The Fischers) ♦ Pam Setzer (The Fiegls) ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski)
♦ Joan Shockey (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Mildred Warren (Sue Boulter) ♦ The Weez (Dennis Fiegl)
♦ Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakehnam)

Holly Howe-Peters and her family as they mourn the death of her husband Lee
Janice Caito and her family as they mourn the death of her husband Paul
The Larson & Cline families as they mourn the death of their son, A.J. Larson
The Cieslinski & Dalin families as they mourn the death of their father and friend,
Dave Cieslinski Sr.

OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Chris Kalinowski ⊕ Matthew Jones ⊕ Bill Cenkner Jr. ⊕ Patrick Baskerville ⊕ Sammy
Russo ⊕ Kimberly Trudeau ⊕ Steve Odebralski ⊕ Jason Zimmerman ⊕ Andrew
Zalikowski ⊕ Nick Turvey ⊕ Kristen Pelc ⊕ Ben Schauss ⊕ Phillip Schott ⊕ Josh Winkler
⊕ Russell Molnar ⊕ Pat McCullough ⊕ Ryan M. Ratigan ⊕ Larry Lloyd ⊕ Joshua
Feldman ⊕ Dan Dudziak ⊕ David Ferg ⊕ Zachery Goggins ⊕ Alison Lankes ⊕ Erik
Brown ⊕ Rob Weiner

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

This craft is a reminder of God's love for the world and of Jesus' sacrifice for everyone.

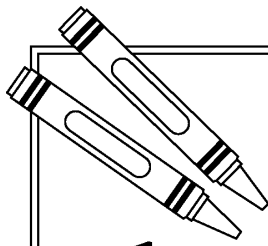
What you need:

- Two pieces of 8½" x 11" white or light-blue construction paper
- Circle shape that fits paper (plastic lid or paper plate)
- Black marker or crayon
- Masking tape
- Shallow box, box lid or old cookie tray
- Blue and green paint
- Two paper plates
- Two marbles
- Two plastic spoons
- Scissors



What you do:

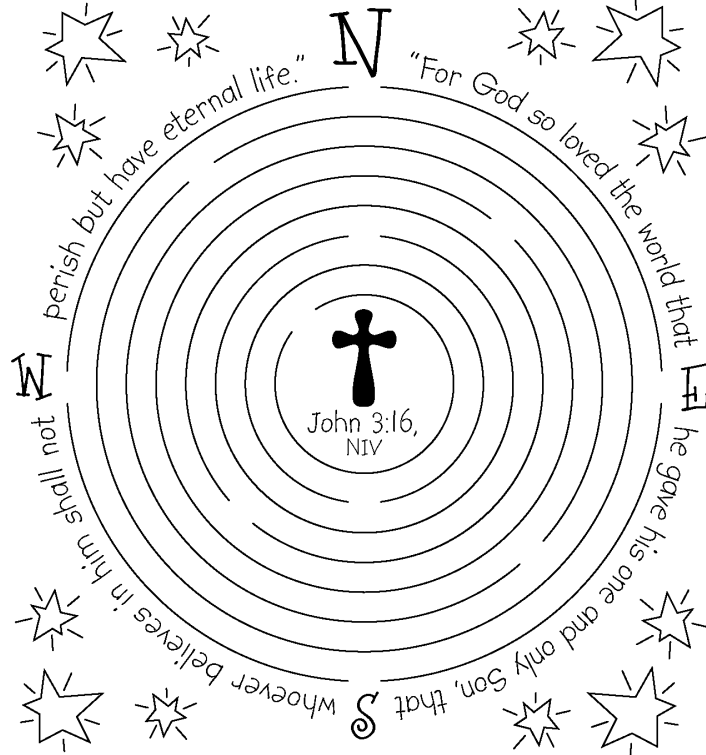
1. On one piece of paper, trace the circle shape.
2. Using two pieces of masking tape, make a cross in the center of your circle.
3. Place your paper inside the box, box lid or cookie tray.
4. Pour blue paint onto one paper plate and green onto the other. Place one marble in each color of paint.
5. Using a spoon, take out one marble at a time and place on your paper.
6. Roll each marble back and forth, around and around, alternating between colors.
7. After your circle looks like the planet Earth with lots of blue and green, cut out the circle.
8. Glue the circle onto another piece of paper.
9. Around the circle, write the words to John 3:16, NIV: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
10. Take off the masking tape and see the cross that's left. Keep your artwork as a reminder of how much God loves you!



Just for **KIDS**

For everyone

Every day we should be thankful for God's love and for the gift of his Son, Jesus. Complete the maze below to help people from all directions hear about this good news. Then, starting at the N (north) and going clockwise, read the words to John 3:16, NIV.



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Class of 2008 Bob Barnhart Karen Malyszka Kathy Saeli	Class of 2009 Tom Kalinowski Shaun Wilson Wendy Warren	Class of 2010 Dawn Corless Debbie Goggins Erik Rowe
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