

*“Go  
into all the world*



*and preach the good  
news to all creation.”*

*Mark 16:15*



**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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**2012**

**NEWSLETTER**



*January*  
2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> 1</p> <p>Worship/Comm. 10:30 Coffee 11:30</p>	2	<p>Men's Bible Study Family Table 7:00 am</p> <p>NO QUILTERS</p>	<p>4</p> <p><u>NO</u> YOUTH GROUP Chancel Choir 7:30 <u>NO</u> Worship Comm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>TOPS Bible Study 10:00 <u>NO</u> Evening Circle</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>Girl Scouts 10:00—11:30</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 Coffee 11:30</p>	<p>9</p> <p>F &amp; O Mtg. 7:00 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Men's Bible Study Family Table 7:00 am</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Ministerial Mtg. <u>NO</u> Q Bingo@CareCenter 2:00 Youth Group 6:00 Presbyterian Church Deacons Mtg. 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30</p>	<p>12</p> <p>TOPS Bible Study 10:00</p>	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15 Worship/Ordain Deacons &amp; Elders 10:30 Coffee 11:30 Harvesters 6:00</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>MLT DAY</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p>Men's Bible Study Family Table 7:00 am</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Youth Group 6:00 Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir 7:30</p>	<p>19</p> <p>TOPS Bible Study 10:00 Joint Session &amp; Deacons 7:00</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Service at Denison Care 10:00</p>	21
<p>22</p> <p>Mission Comm 8:30 CE Comm 8:30 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 Coffee 11:30</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>Men's Bible Study Family Table 7:00 am</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Youth Group 6:00 Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir 7:30</p>	<p>26</p> <p>TOPS Bible Study 10:00</p>	27	28
<p>29</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 Coffee 11:30</p>	30	<p>31</p> <p>Men's Bible Study Family Table 7:00 am</p>				<p>Birthstone—Garnet Flower—Carnation</p>

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## Pastor Paul's Ponderings

Well here we are beginning a new year. I just got used to writing “2011”, and now I will have to force myself to learn to write “2012”. It also seems that the years, and time pass much too quickly any more. I can hardly remember my childhood when time seemed to crawl. Perhaps it does us well to mark time; to remember and contemplate the past, but to also look forward to, and plan for the future—the coming year. Where are we going as a church? What are we going to do? What is our goal for the year? What is our purpose as a church?

There is an old saying that goes something like this: “A ship without a destination will never reach its port.” I was impressed by how very important it is to have goals when I read a book by Victor Frankel: “*Man's Search for Meaning*.” Frankel was a Jewish psychiatrist during World War II in Germany. He ended up in a concentration camp. He was able to survive the experience by dedicating his time there to studying to situation. He had a purpose, a goal. That was to learn why some people were able to survive the experience and others were not. Frankel concluded that those that had a goal, a purpose, a reason for survival were much more likely to survive, to find a way to survive, than those that did not have a goal.

It is much easier to accomplish something if we know what we are trying to accomplish! A few years ago Rick Warren wrote a book that became a best seller: “*The Purpose Driven Life*”, in it he writes that each and every one of us has a God given purpose in life, and that we are much more effective and happier when we learn what that purpose is and work toward it. As I remember it, Warren says that our purpose is to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others and to glorify God.

In the last years, our church has been through a trial and testing. It may have been the unsaid goal of the church at that time to simply to survive. God also has a purpose for United Presbyterian Church now. God has uniquely blessed and prepared this church for some purpose. This church has certain gifts, skills, knowledge and experiences that uniquely prepare it for some purpose. What is that purpose? What is our goal? What are we working toward and trying to do?

I have invited the officers of the church (all deacons and elders) to contemplate and discern what God is calling us to do now. What is God's purpose for our church? This is something for us all to be searching for as we begin another year. Please be looking for what God's call to the United Presbyterian Church is, and what God is calling each and every one of us to do in the coming year, and then prayerfully share what it is!

May the Grace of the Lord be with you in the New Year.

**Pastor Paul**



## Session Notes

- A Stated Session meeting was held on December 15, 2011.
- 54 persons received Holy Communion on Sunday, December 4, 2011.
- New officer training, led by Rev. Paul Seefeldt, was held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Stated Session meeting.
- Mission focus in the Denison United Presbyterian Church for the next quarter will be on the “Neighbor Helping Neighbor” program. The money donated goes for gas, lodging, or other needs as determined by the Denison Ministerial Association.
- The Session VOTED to replace two of the church’s eight furnaces with two combination furnace/air conditioner units.
- To say “Thank you” and “Farewell” to Mark and Pat Kirby as they move to Arkansas, they will be honored at a coffee and presented with a gift following church on December 18, 2011.
- The Personnel Committee has advertised the church’s janitorial position.
- New officer Ordination/Installation will be held on January 8 or January 15, 2012.

*Please remember the Session in your prayers as they seek God’s guidance as spiritual and financial leaders of the church.*

Mary Ann Irwin, Clerk of Session





## **FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH**

Happy New Year from Fellowship and Outreach!

Peppermint ice cream and holiday cake were enjoyed by the Denison Care residents on December 14<sup>th</sup> following the Bingo games.

A holiday appetizer buffet was hosted by our committee Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> following the Cantata. What a wonderful assortment of good looking and delicious tasting holiday appetizers. Coffee and hot cider were also served and enjoyed by those in attendance following the worship service.

Beth Argotsinger

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## **HARVESTERS**

Thank you to all who helped decorate the Church for the Christmas Season! Many hands made quick work.

Harvester's met at the Donna Reed Theater on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the production of the Radio Play "It's a Wonderful Life". Our members, Steve Fitzgerald and Daryl Philipp did a wonderful job.

We then gathered at the Jepsen home for "after glow". Denise and Daryl served wonderful refreshments. A SUPER time was had by all.

Watch for details about the January meeting.

Donna Kuehnhold





## WORSHIP, MUSIC, & SACRAMENT

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We invite all to worship with us and receive Holy Communion on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. What an appropriate way to start the New Year.

We thank the choir, Kristy, and Ann for the wonderful Cantata on December 18<sup>th</sup>. It was truly our gift to you.

Our sharing tree gifts were taken to West Central Development for distribution to needy families. I personally see this as a small miracle because as far as I know it was never announced, but the people of this congregation are so in the habit of sharing secret gifts under that tree, that it continued with or without an announcement.

Now see you all as we gather to worship and do God's bidding in 2012. In the name of our Lord.

The Worship, Music & Sacrament Committee

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## SOUP LABELS

**CONTINUE TO SAVE YOUR CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS.** There is a sample copy of a label and what part we need to save posted on the bulletin board. **Please** continue to save your labels and give them to Barb Haley or drop them at the Church in the Narthex or the office. Thanks for your help!!







**JANUARY DEACON**

**Kyle Bohnker**

**\*JANUARY DEACON TO CALL FOR A RIDE**

**Kyle Bohnker**

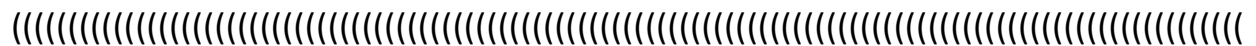
If you need a ride to worship service, please call Patti at 712-678-3400.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
1	Kyle & Laura Bohnker	Joyce Bohnker
8	Kyle & Laura Bohnker	Joyce Bohnker
15	Robert Lyons & Laura Bohnker	Shar Hulstein
22	Matt Moran & Laura Bohnker	Penny & Dale Kinney
29	Matt Moran & Laura Bohnker	Debra Littleton

**LITURGIST: Donna Kuehnhold**

**COMMUNION STEWARDS: Jerry & Patti Boettger, Donna Kuehnhold, Kyle Bohnker**

\*If any member needs a ride to the Church on a Sunday or any other day of the week that an event is happening at the church, please call the Deacon of the month giving rides for arrangements.



**Please remember your church officers and your minister in your prayers as they work together to lead our church.**

**CLERK:** Mary Ann Irwin

**Important Church Information**

**ELDERS**

Garry Chapman  
Jerry Boettger  
Daryl Philipp  
Bill Irwin  
Beth Argotsinger  
Joyce Bohnker  
Ken Davis  
Marilynn Jepsen  
Wayne Igou

**DEACON**

Patti Boettger  
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Robert Lyons  
Carol Igou  
Jayne Lyons  
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*HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!*

<i>Kristy Zenk</i>	<i>1-05</i>	<i>Luke Tan Creti</i>	<i>1-14</i>
<i>Kenny Davis</i>	<i>1-07</i>	<i>Kathy Davis Jones</i>	<i>1-14</i>
<i>Phyllis Harms</i>	<i>1-08</i>	<i>Ron Evilsizer</i>	<i>1-17</i>
<i>Joann Miller</i>	<i>1-08</i>	<i>Vicki Nixon</i>	<i>1-18</i>
<i>Daymon Schmidt</i>	<i>1-09</i>	<i>Ron Bierma</i>	<i>1-19</i>
<i>Mark Moreland</i>	<i>1-12</i>	<i>Gayle Chapman</i>	<i>1-20</i>
<i>Marlene Baughman</i>	<i>1-12</i>	<i>Deb Ferguson</i>	<i>1-28</i>
<i>Bob Irwin</i>	<i>1-13</i>	<i>Kaydon Schurke</i>	<i>1-31</i>

*God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame.  
Elizabeth Barrett Browning*



*HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!*

*Drexel & Vicki Nixon*                      *1-13*

*There are spaces between our fingers  
so that another person's fingers can  
fill them in.*

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Please help us keep our birthday and anniversary lists updated and accurate. If your name has been omitted or there is a mistake in the month of your birthday or anniversary, please call the office at **263-4130** or e-mail to **[thehill@frontiernet.net](mailto:thehill@frontiernet.net)** with the correct information. Thank you!!