

February Link



- 1) Celebrate Mardi Gras at the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper;
 - Who: All are welcome.
 - What: All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Supper hosted by the men of PVUMC. Menu includes regular, multi-grain, and potato pancakes with real maple syrup and sausages.
 - Where: PVUMC Fellowship Hall
 - When: February 28, 2017 (Fat Tuesday) Serving supper at 6:00 PM
 - Why: Because everyone likes pancakes and fellowship, of course.
 - A free-will offering will be accepted; proceeds to benefit church missions.
- 2) Bean Hole Bean Supper Committee to meet after coffee hour on Sunday, February 5, 2016. We will critique the last bean hole supper and identify tentative dates for 2017 suppers. Everyone involved with this major church fund raiser and fellowship event is invited to attend.

3) Firewood reserves for the Bean Hole Bean Supper are getting low. We burn a cord or more of firewood each supper. We need to stockpile at least four cords of firewood for 2017. Ideally we will have the wood on site, split and stacked before winter sets in. If you have wood available, know of a source of wood, or would be willing to help cut and split wood, please call John Baum at 860-379-9398.



4) CHORAL FOLDERS: In loving memory of Ruth Schultz, Mary Forman has donated 10 new choral folders for our choir. When Ruth's husband Bill passed, Ruth purchased and donated the choir robes we are using in Bill's memory. Bill loved to sing and had a beautiful voice but never joined the choir. Ruth could barely hold a tune but joined in on all the hymns, knew all the words and loved to sway and dance to Christian music. She enjoyed listening to the choir singing - especially the old tunes that reminded her of her childhood attending Baptist revivals in the West Virginia Hills.

A Letter From Pastor Trudy

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

In the letter I sent out at the end of last year I related some of the experience from when I was on leave. I mentioned "sitting at the feet of Jesus was awe inspiring." I want to elaborate on that portion of my letter.

While there are many events and ongoing *busy-ness* everyday (& night) of our lives, we forget that Spirit must be fed as we are made up body, mind, and spirit and we forget spirit because - we don't see it, we cannot touch it, we've been too busy.

Sitting at the feet of Jesus requires a stand still/sit still time Psalm 46:10 Be still and know.... such as many in the Bible - Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus (Luke 10:39) simply **listening** to his voice, or like the Apostles sitting around a fire **listening** to their Teacher/Rabbi Jesus, they also **asked questions**, they got along as much as possible even though they were from differing capacities and practices and they came from different places - but Jesus was the center and the impetus of their lives. Then there was the blind man Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52) who was out side the city called on Jesus and Jesus healed him thus from then on we are told he followed Jesus right into Jerusalem and was witness to the Crucifixion.

There are some specific events in our lives that will bring us to our knees in prayer... and there...we will - find **instruction** (Luke 10:39) - we go there for **comfort** (John 11:32) - we go there for **service** (John 12:3).

As Mary Magdalene- she sought out God - to **express gratitude** and did so by *ministering* to Christ (Mark 15:40 & 41); by her *presence* at the cross (John 19:25); and by her *presence* at the sepulcher (Matthew 27:61; & 28:1).

So sitting at the feet of Jesus can bring all of the above and thus brings healing of the Spirit portion of our existence, and can bring **peace** to our hearts.

Psalm 46:10 - "Be still, and know I am God; I will be exalted among the nation's, I will be exalted in the earth." Two more Psalms that you can ponder Psalms 1 and Psalms 121.

I invite you to turn off the electronics. Light a candle. And sit and pray for the Holy Spirit to help you hear God's voice - to speak to you in heart, mind, body and Spirit - sit at the feet of Jesus and find peace.

Be still... and know... be still...and know.....

Blessings of Peace,
In Christ's Service,
Pastor Trudy

A Letter from Dan Abbott

Dear PVUMC,
I am writing to you once again to express my appreciation for your generosity. We have received your gift and it could not have come at a better time.

There has been so much going on with the Abbott family over the last few months, from doing a Discipleship Training School with Youth With A Mission, working with a team in Mongolia, and now moving onto to what we feel God is calling us to next.

We will be joining a new organization called Sanctuary Inn. This organization specializes in missionary care, something that I have noticed over the years is a huge need for so many. I will have a number of responsibilities from fundraising for the organization, to helping out with missionary care, and working along the grounds.

Sanctuary Inn is located on 9 acres right at the base of Mt. Hood with the Salmon river flowing in its backyard. It has the capacity to house up to 30 people at a time, so I know we will be plenty busy :)

We are excited to plant roots, and invest not only in the organization but in the people that God sends our way. And as we continue to grow as a family both spiritually and physically (Thats right, we are expecting baby number 2 in August!!) we are trusting God with all means of support necessary.

Although I do not know the exact time, I look forward to all of you meeting Anna, Jesse, and the new baby sooner than later. I will continue to keep you all posted on what God is up to.

Praying for you all, and trusting that God knows what He is doing in midst of all things and in all people.

Many blessings,
The Abbotts

A Letter From Joann Little

[WHO CARES FOR THE PASTOR? *](#)

To care for our Pastor is to include him/her in Jesus' command to his disciples "To love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) Too often churches believe they have cared sufficiently for their pastor just by paying a salary, providing housing, and giving other benefits.

St. Paul wrote: "And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love." (I Thessalonians 5:12-13)

Local church ministry is, or ought to be, a partnership between the pastor and laity. The success or lack of success in ministry is not the burden of the pastor only. The SPRC, on behalf of the congregation, plays a significant role in the partnership with the pastor. It has two broad duties: 1) To help the pastor understand and be responsive to the needs of the congregation; and 2) to care for the appropriate personal and professional needs of the pastor.

Traditionally, United Methodist churches have perceived their role mostly in terms of conveying what the congregation needs. Sometimes this factor of the congregation's needs has even had an adversarial quality to it. Additionally, caring for the personal and professional needs of the pastor often has gone under-served by the local church. When it comes to caring for some of the pastor's personal and professional needs, however, the partnership he/she enjoys with the caring people of the church is crucial.

While the pastor is part of the church community, embracing him/her as a brother or sister can only benefit everybody. Think about it: how do we treat visitors to our

homes? We're welcoming, aren't we? The same hospitality needs to be shown by churches to pastors! Because it doesn't happen without planning, such hospitality needs to be intentional.

Ultimately, your partnership with your pastor comes down to communication. The better SPRC and pastor communicate about the needs of the church, the more your relationship will flourish. You can be sure that if both set pastoral priorities annually, come to a consensus about responsibilities, and then support the pastor in the face of criticism, your relationship will thrive.

Priorities for pastoral ministry should derive from a church's missional understanding, perhaps even from goals and objectives that are set annually by the church council. This means that what the pastor does should reflect in time and energy what the congregation discerns God's will for them to be. Then, in this ideal situation, SPRC would work with the pastor to set duties and priorities accordingly. Regrettably, many churches never get around to setting congregational goals; leaving the pastor to do his/her best to meet nebulous objectives.

We must help the pastor agree on expectations, set priorities, evaluate regularly, fairly, and compassionately. And never let the pastor think he/she is alone in ministry. Because all of what the pastor and SPRC do is God's work, invite God into your conversation and pray regularly for both.

*Excerpts from "WHO CARES FOR THE PASTOR

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February Schedule

Feb 5 Feb 12 Feb 19 Feb 26	<u>Nursery Care</u> Caprice Shaw & Dietz Hurley & Laurie Fenner Shirley Green & Pat Allen Caprice Shaw & Dietz	<u>Cleaners</u> Millahn Millahn Collins Collins	<u>Ushers</u> Shelly & Evan Bailey Barb & Steve Bailey Dawn & Wayne Renfrew Loanne Little & Volunteer
Feb 5 Feb 12 Feb 19 Feb 26	<u>Counters</u> Richard Lavieri & Ann Kramer Steve Bailey & Mary Lou Centofanti Gail Klein & Chip Simons John Baum & Emil Klein	<u>Greeters</u> Sandy Slemmer Janet Lee Ann Kramer Melanie Kirpatrick-David	<u>Refreshments</u> Ann Kramer & Sharon Foxx Janet Lucas & Becky Bridges Pot Luck Wendy deRoode & Bonnie Slater
Feb 5 Feb 12 Feb 19 Feb 26	<u>Lectionary Readers</u> Nick Peck Tami Beaulieu Paul Foxx Jonah Hurley		
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