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## \* SESSION NOTES \*

Your Session met on Tuesday evening January 18, 2011 and during the meeting the Elders:

- Reported the death of Darlene Carson on December 25 at Clarian Arnett Hospital
- Reported the Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons for 2011
- Approved a lengthy list of Christian Ed. Activities for 2011
- Appointed new committee chairs for 2011
- Re-scheduled the postponed Leadership Retreat to February 5
- Elected Elder Ron Miller as Commissioner to Presbytery

Learned that the Reverend Kevin Bowers has been assigned the position of Committee On Ministry Liaison with our Pastor Nominating Committee

Michael E. Grimes,  
Clerk of Session

Friends,

I came across this quotation recently, while preparing for the leadership retreat last weekend. It is from Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis.

*“It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must either be hatched or go bad.”*

Lewis, of course, was writing about the spiritual life. More to the point he was writing about the process by which our “spiritual” life becomes the only life we have.

Most of us have several lives: a professional/work life, a family life, a recreational life, a private interior life, and a spiritual life. We work hard at keeping our various lives “in balance”. We make the necessary compromises between our various “lives” in order to function comfortably in the world. We assign to God a place in our lives where he can’t get into to much mischief.

As long as our Christian faith, though, is merely a part of who we are, we are like eggs – all potential, but little substance – safe for the moment, but with none of the thrill of flying. In order to hatch and become a bird and learn to fly, the egg has to give up being an egg forever. It must change.

In order to move into the new life that Christ promises and enjoy the fullness and abundance he offers, WE must allow him to change us and that is hard.

The compromising and balancing that we all do is like an egg trying to learn to fly without hatching first. It is an effort built on the fruitless notion that something can grow without changing – the impossible idea that it is possible to emerge into a new life without shattering the old one entirely.

Lewis wisely points out that we can balance and compromise for a while. We can hold Christ a bay for a season or two, but an egg can’t stay an egg forever. Eventually, it either hatches or it goes bad.

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Dear DPW:

Thank you so very much for the new refrigerator in the parlor. We appreciate your taking care of this for all of us.

The Congregation



**Please keep in prayer:**

Martha Ellen Hogue has asked that we keep her son, Stuart Hogue in prayer because he has cancer.

**To Keep Up-to-Date**

Here are a few changes:

**Phyllis Hill e-mail:**

[hiphy8@gmail.com](mailto:hiphy8@gmail.com)

**Jeff Smith & Rae Schnapp (Audrey & Rachel)** have a new address & phone: 200 W. Stadium Ave.

W. Lafayette, IN 47906-2753

Phone: 589-1297

**John & Lois Campbell** new phone: 463-9621



**You** are on Heaven's most wanted list.



**THANK YOU** big time to the person who bought the new Microwave for our Parlor. It is greatly appreciated. God bless you.

Worry is the darkroom in which negatives are developed.

*Deliberations (continued from page 1)*

As the Pastoral Nominating Committee begins its work discerning who it is that God is calling to be the pastor at Dayton Memorial Presbyterian Church it is a good time to begin to think about this aspect of growth and change. At the core of C.S. Lewis' insight is the biological and spiritual reality that nothing can stay the same. EVERYTHING is either GROWING (i.e. changing) or it is DYING. When the new pastor arrives on the scene, he or she is going bring a lot of new ideas, new ways of doing things, new priorities. He or she is going to ask questions about how things have always been done and is going to wonder if perhaps there might be better ways to do it. He or she is going to raise up aspects of the Christian life that you have not considered before. He or she is going to ask you to stretch into some new spiritual shapes. And all of that is a good thing! It won't necessarily FEEL good all the time, but it will BE good. This is because a change in leadership is one of the ways that God taps on the outside of our protective shell and encourages us to peck our way out. How you respond to the changes that your new pastor brings will be the determining factor in how DMPC grows into the next chapter of its life. Will you stay warm and safe in your egg until you go bad? Or will you break out and learn to fly?

### 4 H Trophy Sponsorships

Dear Friends: It's time for the 4-H fair and many of the local 4 H-ers are looking for sponsorships for the 4-H awards presented at the fair. The youth will be looking for sponsors for assistance in the various events. If you would like to assist in any manner, please see them individually in the parlor after church sometime.

**4 H-ers:**

Logan & Tanner Cassady	Molly Daniels
Emily Cadwallader	Jayden & Jayla Rosen
Mark DeGolyer	Matthew & Sarah Campbell
David & Emelie Coleman	Hannah & Clara Boles

If I've missed anyone, please let the office know.



## BROWN BAG

**B**ring your lunch  
**I**n the Board Room  
**B**ible in hand  
**L**earn the Gospels  
**E**njoy fellowship     **STUDY**

Join with Ron Kelley & Others at **Noon on Wednesdays** each week as he continues the weekly studies. We are starting with the study of Romans on February 2nd.. Please come and join us for fellowship, and learning “God’s Word” together.

## Moving into the Twenty-First Century!



In the last month or so, MPC of Dayton has taken a couple of strides forward into twenty-first century technology. In December we installed a couple new pieces of equipment to our sound system that allow us to record the Worship service digitally onto CD’s and to quickly make multiple copies of the service for distribution to shut-ins and those who were unable to be in church. If you would like to receive a CD of our service either once in a while or every week, contact Ivamarie in the Church Office and we will arrange for it! This also means, however, that cassette recordings of the service will no longer be available. If you do not currently have a CD player, let us know and we will help you find an inexpensive one.

Having the service recorded digitally also allows us to put audio recordings of the sermon and the choir’s anthem on our Website [www.daytonpres.org](http://www.daytonpres.org). If you have access to the internet, check it out! This will allow friends and family to access our worship service from anywhere in the world!



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

## DPW OFFICERS FOR 2011

Co-Moderators:	Linda Miller / Kathy Deckard	
Secretary:	Nancy Grimes	
Treasurer:	Peggy Fields	
Praise Service:	Judy K. Ryan	2011
	Lois Campbell	2012
Ecumenical Relations:		
	Margaret Grimes	2011
	Fauniel Gard	2012
“Together In Service”	Betty Barnett	2011
(Mission Opportunities)	Betsy Wagner	2012
Service Committee:	Jane Coleman	2011
(Funeral Dinners)	Kathy Deckard	2012
Search Committee:	Judy K. Ryan	2011
	Esther Miller	2012
	Debbie Ward	2013
Tebbetts Memorial:	Pat Biery	2011
	Carol Frantz	2012
Flower Committee:	Muriel Grimes	2011
	Judy Mae Ryan	2012

Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. All ladies of the church are encouraged and welcome to come to the meetings. Hope to see lots of you there.

Linda Miller & Kathy Deckard



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The first meeting for 2011 was held on 1-17. This is the year for the Presbyterian build and we currently have approximately \$26,000 of the \$45,000 needed to begin this year's build. In the months ahead we will be appealing for donations to be able to complete this house this coming summer. When asked, please give as generously as you can and pray for the completion. Remember that with each house we build for a family in this area, a tithing is used from what we donate for a house to be built in Haiti.

## NURSERY WORKERS



2-6 Kathy Deckard  
Suzanne Fogarty  
2-13 Judy M. Ryan  
Nancy Brand

2-20 Patricia Perry & Jane Coleman  
2-27 Muriel Grimes & Lynn Grimes

## TEEN YOUTH GROUP COOKIE WALK

The Youth Group is having our Cookie Walk fund raiser on Sunday, February 13th. Please help us sell, eat & enjoy lots of delicious cookies.



**I was going to waste, but  
Jesus recycled me.**

## DAYTON'S KIDS CLOSET

*"It is more blessed to give  
than to receive." Acts 20:35*

Thank you to all of you who continue to be such a blessing to Kid's Closet with your continued help and support, which clothes around 100 children every month.

We are still accepting new or gently used donations of children's winter clothing, sizes newborn through teen sizes and maternity wear.

Volunteers are needed! Donations are coming in at a steady rate and keeping up with the demand is very challenging. Bring friends, family, neighbors and join the fun and fellowship as we work together in this exciting mission! Please call Julie with any questions or volunteer opportunities.

God bless,

Kid's Closet Committee

## \* KID'S CLOSET SORT CHANGE \*

The Sort this month is changing days.....

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th**

**10 am - Noon & 6 - 6 pm**

We can use anyone & everyone that is willing to come and help keep us organized.

## DISTRIBUTION & SORT



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th**

**9am to Noon**

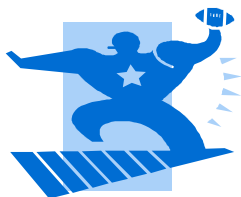
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## FOOD PANTRY

Workers are always needed to work on Friday mornings from 9am to 11 am. Please sign up in the parlor.



# OUR YOUTH GROUP



Hi Everyone!

February is a SUPER busy month for the Youth Group and we need your help!

Sunday, February 6th is Super Bowl Sunday and that means we will be participating in our annual SOUPERBOWL of CARING fund raiser! We will be collecting money before and after worship for our Dayton Food Pantry. Please bring you spare change, cash, check, or canned food items! All of the proceeds stay right here in our church...so please support our youth and the hungry in this community!

Sunday, February 13th will be our annual cookie walk after worship. Please support our youth by bringing a treat to sell or buying one of the goodies in the parlor! All of the money we raise is used to support our kids and their many adventures for the next year. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sunday, February 13th at 6:00 pm the Youth Group will be hosting a FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Please bring your family and join us for board games, card games, and good fellowship. There is no charge but please bring a snack to share, drinks will be provided. There will be something for all ages!

Sunday, February 27th Evening Praise Worship from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Bring a friend!

Thanks. Hillary

Greetings from Your Christian Education Committee

Here are a few upcoming events. We are having a Valentine party Sunday, Feb. 13th. for the kids. We will be decorating cookies and making cards. Pastor Dave is planning to lead a Lenten Study starting after Ash Wed. More info will be forth coming.

Please plan to join us for fun and inspirational study.

Your CE Committee

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## — Schedules —

**Church Office Hours - 9 am to Noon,  
M-F**

<u>February Deacons</u>	<u>February Elders</u>
Kathy Shaw, Capt.	John Campbell,
Communion Prep.	Comm. Prep.
Matthew Campbell	& Devotions

**8:30 - 9:00 am** - Cont. Breakfast in Parlor

**9:00** - Sunday School for all, opening in  
the Sanctuary

**10:00** - Fellowship with Cont. Breakfast

**10:30** - Worship

**February Breakfast Hostess:**

Kathy Bowlin

We still need Hosts/Hostesses for March and later months.

## Staying in the *Word Together* – February 2011

Join Christians throughout North America as they read together – each Sunday – the scriptures for the week. Known as the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), the collections of readings is organized so that after a three year cycle, members of churches will have read through the majority of the Bible. In our church, our Sunday school curriculum follows the RCL.

As a church and denomination, we use the RCL and provide these to the pastors for direction on the order of worship and for guidance in Christian Education. A guest pastor may choose not to use the scriptures, but we are providing them to the congregation as a means of *Staying in the Word Together*. Traditionally, there will be an Old Testament, Psalm New Testament and Gospel reading. For additional readings go to <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>.

	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b><u>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</u></b> February 6, 2011	<a href="#">Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 112:1-9 (10)</a>	<a href="#">1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 5:13-20</a>
<b><u>Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</u></b> February 13, 2011	<a href="#">Deuteronomy 30:15-20</a> or <a href="#">Sirach 15:15-20</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 119:1-8</a>	<a href="#">1 Corinthians 3:1-9</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 5:21-37</a>
<b><u>Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany</u></b> February 20, 2011	<a href="#">Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 119:33-40</a>	<a href="#">1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 5:38-48</a>
<b><u>Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany</u></b> February 27, 2011	<a href="#">Isaiah 49:8-16a</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 131</a>	<a href="#">1 Corinthians 4:1-5</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 6:24-34</a>
<b><u>Transfiguration Sunday</u></b> March 6, 2011 (Last Sunday before Lent) <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Exodus 24:12-18</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 2</a> or <a href="#">Psalm 99</a>	<a href="#">2 Peter 1:16-21</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 17:1-9</a>

## WHAT IS PER CAPITA and WHY DO WE HAVE TO PAY IT?

“Per Capita” is Latin for “By the Head” it is the money that each congregation pays to the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA to cover the basic costs of operating. Salaries, expenses, rent, utilities, travel are all covered by the per capita payments of the congregations. This year, in our Presbytery, the per capita is \$36.11 per member. Your per capita pays the salary of our new General Presbyter, Frank Vardeman and his hard working staff. It helps support our camp, Geneva Center, and the staff that makes it run. It helps support the Synod staff who provide the training for Commissioned Lay pastors (like Rick Ryan and Joe Pease). It pays the salaries and expenses of the folks who plan the Youth Triennium every three years.

All of us are members of extended families. And if we are honest, we will admit that being part of an extended family is something of a mixed bag. Uncle Harry can be really exasperating when talk turns to politics at Thanksgiving. Cousin Sally drinks more than she should at parties and often embarrasses the family. Great Aunt Bertha gives ugly neckties at Christmas. But when crisis strikes, or hard times roll around, or there is a death in the family, these same people are the ones who are right there sharing the burden and binding the wounds.

A denomination can be the same way. General Assembly makes a decision that we don't agree with; Presbytery wants to put one more thing on our Session agenda. Synod seems to have a big budget but what do they do? Yet, when things get rough these are the groups that have our congregations back. When there is conflict in the congregation, when natural disaster destroys a building, when a growing congregation needs to build a building, when a pastor gets sick or dies suddenly, our denomination has our back and can be right there to help bear the burden and bind the wounds. That's why we pay our per capita every year. Because we are family.

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### LAFAYETTE URBAN MINISTRIES (LUM)

Two years ago the Kresge Foundation challenged LUM to meet their fund raising goal of \$2,750,000.00 and the foundation would donate \$375,000.00 to the drive. LUM was successful in doing so. These funds will help with the capital improvements which have been underway since 2008. They will definitely help LUM's resources to reach those in need in the Lafayette area.

Jubilee Christmas 2010 - The 30th annual LUM Jubilee Christmas program, through the help of 31 churches provided toys, food and clothing for 710 local families and 1,927 children. More than 1,000 people volunteered their time and energy to make this even happen. Thanks to all who made this a great Christmas for these people.

Some of LUM's programs are: emergency shelter, helping move people off the streets and into more permanent housing. The Community Thanksgiving meal served 800 individuals. Emergency financial aid provided assistance to 2,127 households. St. John's/LUM Food Pantry provided food for 7,915 households. There are just a few of the services and help Lafayette Urban Ministries provides for families and individuals in the Lafayette area.

Thanks for all your past help and for your future help as well.

Ron Kelley  
Church's LUM Representative



## Our Church Family

### **FEBRUARY**

1. Laura Houser
2. Alan Spray
3. Lindsey Hughes  
Aaron Best  
Dave Comstock
5. Courtney Biery
6. Don Carless  
Nancy Edwards  
Muriel Grimes  
Kelly Reid
7. Brian Mundell
10. Evan Fitzgerald
11. Bill Hoffman
12. Mike Alkire
14. Peggy Fields  
Ryan Fitzgerald

Ryan Gard

15. Joel Ashcraft  
Gene Smith
16. Emily Mundell
17. Stephanie Grimes
18. Bethany Grimes  
Alex Jones
19. Melinda Hicks  
Jill Gard
20. Marilyn Yoder
24. Ron Berry
26. Dylan Holsclaw

### **March**

1. Carolyn Finkenbinder  
Carol Frantz  
LuAlice Huston
2. Margaret Grimes  
Majora Odenkirk



### **FEBRUARY**

- 10 Esther & Ron Miller
- 15 Fran & Mike Alkire
- 16 Harriett & Ron Berry
- 20 Tracey & Patrick Hicks
- 27 Norah & Richard Ashcraft



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



† **IN OUR PRAYERS:** Our Military, our nation & it's leaders; persecuted Christians, people locally & nationally in need, Victims of Domestic Violence; Julia Yost; Carolyn Finkenbinder; Russell Lucas; Miriam Woodrow; Cletis Smith (B/Gene Smith); Ted Murphy; Marjora Odenkirk; Isabelle Kelley (Grdr/Ron & Ivamarie Kelley); Rex & Betty Barnett; Alex Jones (Grdsn/Susan Clawson); Shelley Abney (Niece/Kathy Deckard); Don Wallace; Rev. Jim Watson; Jackie Ginther (Niece/Joy Schwartz); Jim Young (B-I-L/Joy & Don Schwartz); Mike VanAere (Nephew/Don Schwartz); Kate Martin (Niece/Joy Schwartz); John & Roberta Kealey (S&B-I-L/Ivamarie Kelley); Brewer Family (F/Judy & Lynn Ryan); Bill Gibson; John Webber (F/Rand Webber); Rita Hicks, Leigh Liggett; Mike Hanna; Jean Snyder Family; Jack Carson Family, June Hornbeck (M/ Carol Hornbeck); Dave Coleman Family; Susan Parmely Family; Patricia Perry Family; Eric Campbell's Family/Cousin of Judy Ryan; Arizona Families that were affected by the disaster; Cindy Griffin; Frank Bell; Jim Ward; All those that have the flu or a cold; Stuart Hogue (Son of Martha Ellen Hogue); Irna/Co-worker of Rand & Tammy Webber; Jessica Hughes; Lisa Frankhauser & Lyn Nelson (Friends of Rand & Tammy Webber); Jack Kauffman; Kyle & Annie Newton's Family; Lois Miller (Muriel Grimes' Mother); Scott Basden; Harrold Family (friends of Perry's); Paul Hornbeck; Kyle Gringridge; Sheets Family;



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**—Worship Schedule—**

**8:30 - 9 am** - Continental  
Breakfast

**9 am** - Sunday School for all  
ages beginning with opening in  
the Sanctuary.

**10 am** - Continental Breakfast/  
Fellowship

**10:30 am** - Worship



“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.”

John 3:16