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SESSION NOTES

Your Session met on Tuesday evening January 17, 2012 and during the meeting the Elders:

- Received letters of thanks from the Lafayette Urban Ministry, the Smile Train, and the CASAs for Kids fund for the contributions received from our church
- Reported the Death of Rex Barnett on 12/21/11
- Received a letter of thanks from Jon Grimes, Church Custodian, for her Christmas gift
- Read a letter from the Wabash Valley Presbytery announcing the names of the Delegates to General Assembly next July in Pittsburgh
- Approved a lengthy list of Christian Education Committee events for 2012
- Learned that all the 2011 Mission Pledges have been paid
- Discussed CPR training/re-certification for members of the congregation
- Reported the Ordination/Installation of new Elders and Deacons on January 15
- Reported the Installation of the Reverend Justin Schlesinger-Devlin as Pastor of Memorial Church by the Presbytery of Wabash Valley on January 15

Appointed Chairs of the various Session Committees for 2012

Michael E. Grimes,
Clerk of Session

Pastor's Epistle

Whenever either of my children complain about having to run out in the rain to collect the mail from the mail box, or unhappily notice in the morning that they might have to stand out in a light drizzle for a few minutes while waiting for the school bus to arrive, I hear myself replying to them by asking a question that my grandparents used to ask me in similar situations saying, "What are you made of, sugar? You're not going to melt!" It was their way of saying that a little bit of rain wasn't going to hurt you, since, as we all know, none of us is so sweet as to figure we're made of sugar!

What we are in fact made of, figuratively speaking, is dust. The creation story, specifically Genesis 2:7, describes how God breathed life into Adam after forming him from the dust of the ground, the dirt. What this teaches us is that it is God who created us, it is God who gives life, and when life ceases to exist, "you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19) It is this very sentiment that the season of Lent seeks to remind us. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we gather as a faith community in worship to receive the imposition of ashes in the form of the cross and hear said to us, "Remember you are dust. And to dust you shall return." Together this act and those words remind us that if not for the love of God, the grace of gospel of Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit, very truly, we would end up where we began, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

During this season of Lent, I encourage everyone to discern in what ways you can help remind yourselves how we must utterly and completely rely on the providence and mercy of God all the days of our lives, as well as to remember the good news of Jesus Christ, for "we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his... if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him." (Romans 6:5&8)

Blessings,
Pastor Justin

Church Nursery

We staff the nursery every Sunday with 2 adults from about 10:15 am until the end of the worship service.

Come, share a little of your time with our wonderful youngsters. Thank you.

February Nursery Helpers:

Feb. 5 Jane Holladay
Kathy Shaw

Feb. 12 Cindy Bull
Judy Ryan

Feb. 19 Muriel Grimes
Suzanne Fogarty

Feb. 26 Kathy Deckard
Gabby Basden



To all the women of the church;

Come one! Come all!

On January 11th at 7:00pm we started a DVD bible study called “Real Women; Real Faith”. It’s a great evening for fellowship with women of all ages in our church. Please consider joining us for what we think will be a good opportunity to share with each other and learn about women of the bible. The next meeting will be February 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

*Who refreshes others will be refreshed.
-Proverbs 11:25*



New or gently used donations of WINTER clothing is being accepted, sizes new-born through girl’s junior and young men’s and maternity wear.

Thanks to your support, we served 29 families with 92 children during the month of November 2011. There was no distribution or sorts during the month of December.

If you’ve never come to a ‘sort’, please come join the fun in being God’s hands in action! For questions, please call Julie.

God bless,

Kid’s Closet Committee

Important Dates:

Feb. 13, 2012 Clothing Sort 10 am—noon and 6-8 pm

Feb. 25, 2012 Distribution and Sort 9 am—noon



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Your DPW Officers

Staying in the *Word* Together – February 2012

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	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<p><u>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</u> February 5, 2012</p>	<p><u>Isaiah 40:21-31</u></p>	<p><u>Psalm 147:1-11, 20c</u></p>	<p><u>1 Corinthians 9:16-23</u></p>	<p><u>Mark 1:29-39</u></p>
<p><u>Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</u> February 12, 2012</p>	<p><u>2 Kings 5:1-14</u></p>	<p><u>Psalm 30</u></p>	<p><u>1 Corinthians 9:24-27</u></p>	<p><u>Mark 1:40-45</u></p>
<p><u>Transfiguration Sunday</u> February 19, 2012 <i>(Last Sunday before Lent)</i></p>	<p><u>2 Kings 2:1-12</u></p>	<p><u>Psalm 50:1-6</u></p>	<p><u>2 Corinthians 4:3-6</u></p>	<p><u>Mark 9:2-9</u></p>
<p><u>Ash Wednesday</u> February 22, 2012</p>	<p><u>Joel 2:1-2, 12-17</u> or <u>Isaiah 58:1-12</u></p>	<p><u>Psalm 51:1-17</u></p>	<p><u>2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10</u></p>	<p><u>Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21</u></p>
<p><u>First Sunday in Lent</u> February 26, 2012</p>	<p><u>Genesis 9:8-17</u></p>	<p><u>Psalm 25:1-10</u></p>	<p><u>1 Peter 3:18-22</u></p>	<p><u>Mark 1:9-15</u></p>

February Elders:

Michael Grimes, Communion
Harriett Berry Session devotions

February Deacons:

Cathy Bowlin, Captain & Communion
Debbie Ward



February Breakfast Hosts:

Bill and Nancy Edwards



FOOD PANTRY

What do you do on Friday mornings from 9:00 – 11:00 am? Do you have a free Friday once in awhile? Our Food Pantry really needs your help! We only have 2 or 3 people able to work in the Pantry right now. If you can spare a Friday morning, please sign up on the sheet in the Parlor or call Carol Frantz.

We are in need of miscellaneous food items and also laundry detergent for our shelf where we let people choose one item.

Thanks to everyone who helps in anyway to keep our Pantry open.

Carol Frantz



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped de-decorate the church! We are so blessed to have so many helping hands!

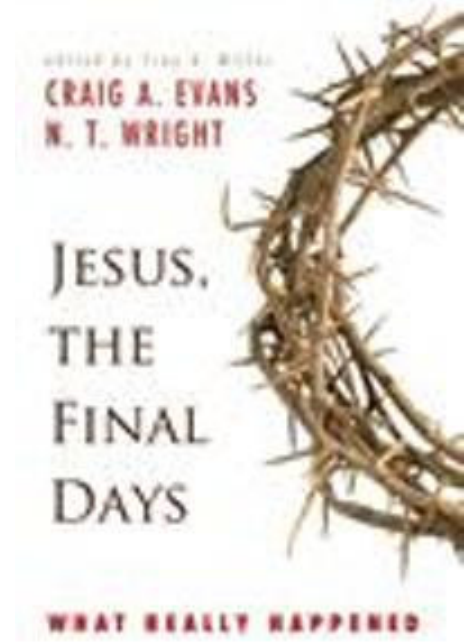
On Sunday, February 5th, the youth group will be collecting money for the SOUPer Bowl of caring. So bring your spare change, canned food, and non-perishable food items to the church to support our very own Dayton Food Pantry!

Sunday, February 12th, is the Annual Youth Group Cookie Walk...bring goodies to sell and money to buy! All proceeds support the youth group activities!

Sunday, February 12th and 26th, Evening Praise Worship. We are still in need of volunteers to provide a meal for the youth. If you are interested see Jane Coleman or Hillary Basden.

Lenten Lessons

Beginning on Sunday, February 26 at 7 p.m. through March, 18, Pastor Justin will be leading a series of discussions about the final days of Jesus based on the book *Jesus, the Final Days; What Really Happened* by Craig A. Evans and N.T. Wright. As one reviewer wrote, "This small book contains a wealth of information about the resurrection. Evans and Wright, both famous biblical scholars, have aimed it at the general reader, not the scholar, so it's accessible and entertaining." If you would like a book ordered for you for just \$3.75, please call Darlene at the church office by February 17 and one will be ordered for you.



More about the book from the back cover:

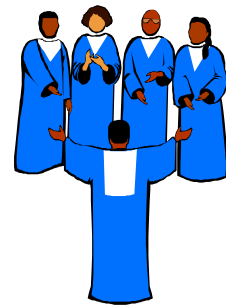
What do history and archaeology have to say about Jesus death, burial, and resurrection? In this superb book, two of the world's most celebrated writers on the historical Jesus share their greatest findings. Together, Craig A. Evans and N. T. Wright concisely and compellingly debunk popular myths about the historical Jesus and convey the true, world-shattering significance of Jesus' final days on earth.

Pastor Justin's Study Leave

Pastor Justin will be on Study Leave from Monday, February 6 through Sunday, February 19 as he works on his Doctoral Project Paper. Please look forward to hear wonderful messages during worship as shared by **Rev. Laszlo Kovacs**, on Sunday, February 12.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Our choir practices on Thursday nights at 7 pm. You are most welcome to come and join with their beautiful voices.



Coloring Ministry

A Coloring Ministry is beginning at Memorial Presbyterian Church! The Coloring Ministry is a time for people to gather and color and cut out pictures of characters from popular children's stories. These pictures will be made into puppets by being laminated and placed on popsicle sticks for teachers and preschool children to use at the Ben & Maxine Miller Child Development Laboratory School at Purdue. Our first meeting will be Monday, March 5 at 11 a.m. This ministry will initially meet once a month, but may later meet more frequently in the future.



Newsletter Information: Beginning in March, 2012, the newsletter will be mailed only to those requesting a copy be mailed. The newsletter will be sent to your email address or available on the website (www.daytonpres.org). If you would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please complete the information below and mail to MPC, P.O. Box 70, Dayton, IN 47941.

We are in the process of updating and cross-referencing the mailing address information we have on file and need your help. Please complete the information requested below and return to the church office. You may send the information via email to secretary@daytonpres.org; call the church office (765-296-3199); or mail the completed information blank below. Thanks for your help.

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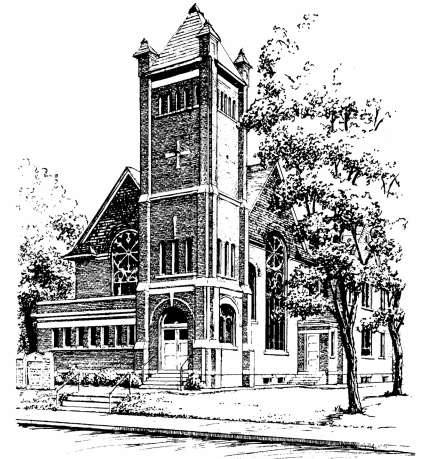
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**Your Church Officers
For 2012**

ELDERS:

**John Campbell
Ron Miller
David Grimes
Ron Kelley
Nancy Edwards
Suzanne Fogarty
Wes Shaw
Brian Sprague
Kathy Deckard
Michael Grimes, Clerk
Harriett Berry
Lerry Holladay**



DEACONS

**Cathy Bowlin
Muriel Grimes
Patty Hicks
Bailey Rosa
Debbie Ward
Paul Houser
David A. Coleman (Dad)
Esther Miller
David M. Coleman
Julie Rosa
Jack Carson
Joe Grimes**

TRUSTEES

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Steve Norris
John Brand
Patrick Grimes
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Donnie Boles
John Cassady
Bruce Gibson**

Local Church & Mission Treasurer	Nancy Edwards
Asst. Church & Mission Treasurer	Patty Hicks
Church School Superintendent	Lois Campbell
Asst. Church School Superintendent	Jane Coleman
Cradle Roll Superintendent	Bethany Grimes
Church School Secretary	Phyllis Hill
Nursery Coordinators	Judy M. Ryan & Nancy Grimes

Our Church Family



February



Laura Houser	1	Peggy Fields	14
Alan Michael Spray	2	Ryan Fitzgerald	14
Aaron Bradley Best	3	Ryan Gard	14
Lindsey Hughes	3	Gene Smith	15
Courtney Biery	5	Emily Mundell	16
Don Carless	6	Stephanie Valenta	17
Nancy Edwards	6	Bethany Grimes	18
Muriel Grimes	6	Alexander Jones	18
Kelly Reid	6	Melinda Hicks	19
Brian Mundell	7	Marilyn Yoder	20
Evan Fitzgerald	10	Ron Berry	24
Bill Hoffman	11	Dylan Holsclaw	26
Mike Alkire	12		

CONGRATULATIONS

Phil & Cindy Keough	1
Ron & Esther Miller	1
Mike & Fran Alkire	15
Ron & Harriett Berry	16
Patrick & Tracey Hicks	20

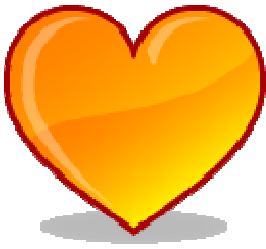
Our military, our nation & its leaders; persecuted Christians; people locally & nationally in need; victims of domestic violence; Carolyn Finkenbinder; Russell Lucas; Miriam Woodrow; Ted Murphy; Marjora Odenkirk; Jackie Ginther (Niece/Joy Schwartz); Mike McGuire (Bro.-in-law/Jane Coleman); Richard Triplet; Betty Pfeiffer; Seth Ratcliff; Ethan Pfaltzgraff (Susan Clawson's relative); Eric Smeltzer (Bro/Jane Coleman); Gene Robinson (friend of Pat Perry) William Baker, Larry

Vaughn (B/Judy Ryan); Terry Lynn Pfeiffer; Regina Brummett (Co-Worker/Phyllis Hill); Elizabeth Bauer (friend of Richard Logan); Dawn Morgan, Maggie Adams, Marti Ramsey (friend of Kathy Deckard); the family of Stuart Hogue; Carol Lane, the family of Sue Alkire; the family of Mae Whitlock; the family of Rex Barnett, Sally Smith; Steve Cain; Helen Cunningham, Ronald Scott, Marion Hanebutt; family of Chester Pendleton (brother of Patty Hicks).



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Worship Schedule

Continental Breakfast Fellowship 8:30am
Sunday School for all ages 9:00am
Continental Breakfast Fellowship 10:00am
Worship 10:30 am

