



The Chimes

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Spud & Salad Bar Fellowship Sunday-17th

Enjoy **lunch** provided by the KIC Youth Group after the 10:30 service. (*hopefully you will receive this before the date.*) **January 17th** is our next **blood pressure** screening done by nurses of our congregation after the **8:30** service in the Parlor and after the **10:30** service in the Conference Room. Thank you to Mary Peart who did the screenings in December.



Annual Church Meeting January 24th

**Immediately Following
10:30 Worship**

Plan now to stay after church for our potluck dinner 11:30 and annual meeting 12:15! Please bring a covered dish & your own table service. Drinks will be provided. Annual reports are available on the table in the Narthex – one per family. (Please read these reports before the meeting.) Everyone Is Invited! Members Are Expected!

Financial Update

Thanks to many special gifts, including Adopt-a-bill, generous regular offerings, and some pledges brought up-to-date, the Current Fund ended the year with a balance of over \$1,800. The Stewardship Committee is grateful to everyone for helping us achieve a Happy New Year.

Pastor's Classes Begin February 7th



"WHAT PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE"

These classes are for high school youth seeking confirmation or baptism (*required*), those considering church membership, any interested person. (*There is no obligation to unite with our church*)

Sunday Mornings, 9:15-10:15

February	7	The Church and Church Membership
February	14	Jesus
February	21	The Bible
February	28	Worship and Sacraments
March	7	Church History
March	14	Church Government
March	21	Stewardship/Church Year
March	28	Review and Reception of Members

Diaconate & Session meet **February 7th & March 14th**, at **6:30 & 7:30 pm** respectively.

GENERAL FUND REPORT (Dec.)

Receipts	\$ 35,202.82
Expenses	28,967.19
Balance	\$ 1,881.05

DEBT REDUCTION REPORT (Dec.)

Receipts	\$ 3,342.20
Payments	190.95
Balance \$	22,935.61

Presbyterian Women

The next meeting is **February 9th**, at 7 pm in the Parlor. They will be studying lesson 5, "Can War Be Holy?" Joshua 6:1-8:28; 10:16-11:23. The study will be first with the meeting to follow. Women of the church are invited to come for part or all of the meeting.

Ash Wednesday Service

February 17th - 7:30 p.m.

Holy Communion & the Imposition of Ashes

Ash Wednesday is an ancient holy day in the Christian church calendar, marking the beginning of the season of Lent – a time of penitence, discipline, and renewal. In the service we are reminded of our mortality, we confess our sins, and we experience forgiveness through Christ's death and resurrection.

The "imposition of ashes" is a central part of the service. During this time, worshipers are invited to come forward to receive the mark of ashes in the form of a cross on their foreheads. In Scripture, ashes serve both as a symbol of mortality and as a sign of mourning and repentance. But neither sin nor death is the final word. We leave the service in confidence and gratitude for Christ has conquered death, and nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!



2010 Flower Calendar

Please sign your name beside the date on the sheet located outside the church

office if you would like to provide the flowers for worship. The following dates are still available: March 21 & 28, June 27, July 4 & 18, August 1, 22, & 29, Sept. 5 & 19, October 31, Nov. 14 & 21.

Faith Building Opportunities

9:15 **Refreshments** *Coat-rack area outside the Fellowship Hall*; 9:30 **Singing** (Children) *Fellowship Hall* & **Youth & Adults** meet in assigned rooms (*nursery available for 2-&-under*). **The Junior High** – "Teen Devotional Bible"; **The Senior High** – "Teen Topics";

The Flock of Ages - *Twisting the Truth*

(Learning to Discern in a Culture of Deception).

The Bible Seekers - The Book of *Proverbs*.

There's Power in Prayer

Prayer Concern Cards are available on the table in the Narthex. Those of you who wish to have prayer concerns lifted during the morning prayer time, please fill out and give to an usher **before** the service begins.



Prayer Line (Email or Phone): We are currently updating the prayer line. If you are interested in being on the e-mail or phone prayer line contact the church office 852-1215 or firstpresbyterian@london.com. All you do is pray when you get a request. That's it, nothing else, no calling or forwarding, just pray!

2010 Communion Dates

The **FIRST SUNDAY** of each month AND:

Ash Wednesday - February 17 (7:30 p.m.)

Maundy Thursday - April 1 (7:30 p.m.)

Easter Sunday - April 4

Pentecost Sunday - May 23

All Saints' Sunday - October 31

First Sunday in Advent - November 28

Special Envelopes in your 2010 offering envelope boxes are: Presbyterian Today Magazine \$9.95; Initial offering (envelope cost) \$ 1.00; Per Capita Apportionment \$33.31.

Scout Sunday & Blood Drive

VALENTINE'S DAY - February 14th.

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be participating during the 10:30 worship service and the American Red Cross will have a blood drive at our church, 8-2pm. The Boy Scouts will be hosting a **Pancake Breakfast** between the services....so give blood and then enjoy breakfast or vice versa! Sign-up for blood drive in the Narthex or call the church office 852-1215.



Pictorial Directories

Olan Mills has made our directory available on-line. You may access it through our website at www.londonfirstpres.org click on the "Who We Are" tab, then our members. It is password protected (get password in the church office).

Recycling Totals

(all for Pipe Organ Fund except as noted)

	<u>2009 Total</u>	<u>2010 Total</u>
Cans: PW (10 mo.)	\$333.96	
Organ (2 mo.)	\$76.32	\$20.64
Ink Jet Cartridges	\$203.95	
Laser Cartridges (lg.)	—	—
Cell Phones	\$8.00	
Paper (new in 2005)	\$138.48	
Totals	\$760.71	\$20.64

Tons of paper recycled in 2009 = 23.47

Pipe Organ Fund

January = \$315; December = \$2,296.46; Year 2009 total \$21,586.28.

CANS in December and January earn money for the Pipe Organ Fund. \$20.64 was earned in December. Thanks to all who have supported the Pipe Organ Fund.

RECYCLE: Paper, Ink Cartridges, Cell Phones, & Aluminum Cans (for more info contact Tom Lloyd or the church office)

REMINDER: PAPER RECYCLING :
NO phone books, food bags or containers, cardboard boxes, or wrapping paper! Thanks for your cans, junk mail, newspapers & magazines!

Presbyterian Child Center

PCC BIGGEST LOSER CHALLENGE is underway! The first weigh in is January 14th, or weigh in the following week. Cost is \$5/person and the biggest loser wins the pot!

WE HAVE OPENINGS in our infants, 3 and 4 year old daycare, and 3 year old preschool. For more information contact Cindy or Anna at 852-3190.

Christian Education Corner I hope everyone had a good Christmas. The toddlers are doing a great job singing their songs and singing their prayer.

In December, Denyse Ramkissoon helped me with the puppet show. It was fun. The puppets told the children about Jesus' birthday. The 3s, 4s, and school-age talked about the three kings visiting Jesus after his birth. We have a new Bible verse: "I do believe" (Mark 9:24). "Believe" is the new password for January. We believe in God and Jesus.

We are now putting kindness angels on the trees across from Cindy's office. The children are showing a lot of kindness so far. Check out all their kindness angels.

Mrs. Cordle's class was collecting hats, gloves, and scarfs for the H.E.L.P. House in December. The 3s, 4s and school-age joined in the project. Over 75 items were donated! We received a thank you letter from them. I shared the letter with the kids. It is a wonderful feeling to give.

Happy New Year!

Kids for Christ, Ms. Valerie, C.E. Instructor

Sunday Morning Lectionary Readings

1/17	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	I Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
1/24	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19	I Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
1/31	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	I Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
2/7	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)	Psalm 138	I Corinthians 15:111	Luke 5:1-11
2/14	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	II Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

Kids In Christ

Youth Fellowship Newsletter January 2010



Hope Miller, Ellie Geib and Tondy Avery help organize and deliver gifts for the Madison County Holiday Helpers Program sponsored by Madison County Jobs and Families. FPC sponsored 22 Madison County children this year.

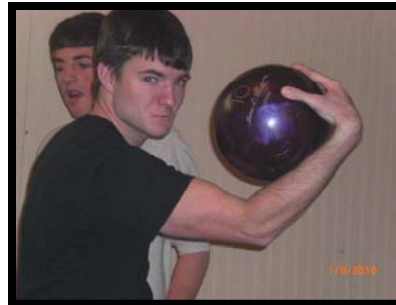


Plain City Pizza Bowl

23 youth attended this year's annual Pizza Bowl held at Plain City Lanes. Thanks to parent Teresa Powell for helping with transportation. Tucker Gorman came away with the "Turkey of the Year" award for 2010, bowling a turkey + 7 pins!

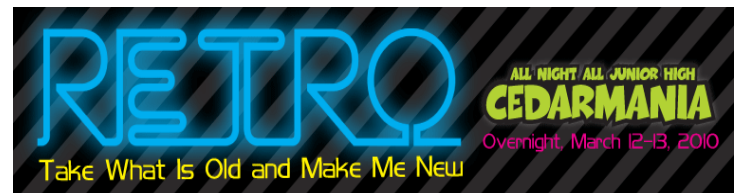
KICKers!

KICKers (FPC Youth Fellowship for grades 3-6) will meet on Wednesday January 20th from 6:30-8pm! Friends grades 3-6 are welcome to attend. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm.



Valentine Babysitting offered by KIC

KIC's Valentine babysitting will be Friday February 12th from 6pm-11pm at First Presbyterian Church. Cost will be \$10 per child and \$5 for each additional sibling (ages potty-trained thru 10 years). Please serve (or pack) your child dinner. Snacks and drinks will be served during the evening. KIC provides interactive fellowship including games, dancing, art and more! So grab your sweetheart for a romantic evening and bring us the kids! All money collected will benefit the Senior High trip to Purdue University for the Presbyterian youth Triennium 2010.



**7th and 8th grade KIC
Check the youth board
for info on registering for
all-night Cedarmania!**

February Anniversaries & Birthdays

1 Ruth Gorman Bill and Kay Fischer	16 Margaret Sollars, Becky Yerian
2 Emmett Schrock, Nick Newman Ed and Shelia Bowman	17 Jean Butts, Deena Bennett
3 Molly Armfelt	18 Todd Geyer, Lincoln Ballard, Elijah Gladman, Rachel Herman, Shannon Drummond
5 Shanna Watters, Elizabeth Bennett	19 Stephen Farrell, Marsha Sternad, Anna Morlock, Ashlen Hisey Jeffrey and Janie Jacob
6 Timothy Reay, Alyssa Geyer, Jean Turvy	20 Linda Green, Abigail LeGault Grant and Denise Schmidt
7 William Green, Denise Schmidt Joseph and Jillian Schmall	21 Chris Gladman
8 Arlene Duffey, Peter Yost, Morgan Wilhoit, Leila Oswalt	22 Thomas Glover
9 Lily Green	23 Jacqueline Breece Mike and Marcy Colley Richard and Stephanie Huddleston Chris and Teresa Ames Joseph and Debora Blaho
10 Ella Yost	24 Gene Powell, Rod Kronk, Brooke McSeveney, Lisa Runyon
11 Tom and Kelly Vollmer	25 Cheryl Baltzer
12 Seth Reay, Scott Geyer, Barry Trimble, Nicholas Marshall Chris and Carol Ansel	26 Ruth Kennedy
14 Barb Niemeyer, Jillian Bennett, Sandy Rodabaugh Lee and Anita Dodge	27 Mason Huddleston
	28 Donald Herman

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a chairperson for the **Health Ministry** and one for the **Cradle Roll**. If you are interested in either position, please contact the church office. Also, we are looking for anyone with experience to take **blood pressures** on the third Sunday of the month. Sign-up sheet outside church office.

Sponsor Opportunity

Nick Newman, member of this church, former kicker for London High School and freshman kicker for the Ohio Northern University (ONU) football team, has an opportunity to travel with his team to Italy this May for an athletic and cultural exchange program. He will have the opportunity to play against an Italian football team in a national stadium and tour several cul-

tural and historic sites in Italy. The trip costs \$3495.00 per player. Nick is looking for sponsors to help him afford to take this trip with his team. Anyone interested in being a sponsor may send a check made payable to Anthony Travel, c/o International Tours, 7920 Belt Line Road, Suite 1010, Dallas, TX 75254 and add "**Nick Newman, ONU**" to the memo line. Or you may call Anthony Travel toll free at 1-800-736-6377 and pay using a credit card – be sure to let them know it is for Nick Newman. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Nick at 614-546-8754 or his parents, Rob and Cindy, at 740-852-1259.

Community Unity Prayer Group Location: New Life Fellowship Church, 19 S. Main St, London, 7-8pm. Join this ecumenical group to pray for our community, its leaders, and members on the **second Tuesday** of the month.