



PEACE PULSE

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011

Preparation and the Joy of Giving

Whatever words or emotions come to mind when we think about Christmas surely the word “Preparation” would be one of the foremost in the minds of just about everyone. Preparation for much of our culture is very different than the Preparation to which we refer in our spiritual Journey during the four weeks preceding Christmas Day. Our spiritual Advent Journey is one focused on our preparation to receive the greatest gift the world has ever known. We seek to prepare our hearts, our minds and our spirits to receive the gift of God’s Love through Jesus, the Christ, who gives life to all who will receive and then give to others.

We seek to prepare our spirits to receive the life-giving energy of God’s presence and power in our lives in many ways:

- Our regular and special worship services
- Lessons and Carols
- Christmas Cantatas
- Christmas Dramas
- Caroling
- Candlelight services

While we are preparing our spirits in all of these ways and more, we also find ourselves immersed in many other celebrative events and activities with our families, friends and colleagues. Most of us will also give time to entertaining or being entertained and the deeply rooted and often exhausting custom of shopping for giving and receiving gifts.

When all is said and done most of us will remember the gift of “presence” more than any material gifts we have either given or received. While we will not likely remember all the material gifts we gave or received, most of us will remember who we were with and who gave us a gift of love; their friendship, their companionship which is the true Joy of Giving and Receiving.

A gift I received many years ago from my extended Native American Family and from Christians in Korea and Japan that I truly treasure; is that if you want to give someone a truly genuine gift, give them the gift of yourself represented by something you own and personally value. Tell them what it means to you and why you have chosen to give it to them. Not only do you eliminate some “frenzied Christmas shopping” but this can give you some of the greatest Joy you can ever experience.

*Christmas Blessings and Joy in the New Year Pastor
Bill Coufer – Interim Transitional Minister*

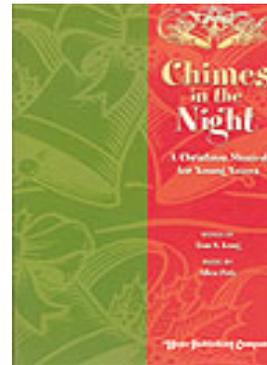
Our Mission Statement:

Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church is a worshipping community, that through the love of God in Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit uncovers the spiritual gifts of believers, equipping and sending them into the world to share God’s love.



Thursday, November 24, 2011. Are you in town for Thanksgiving? Looking for a fun way to celebrate with family and friends? Why not sign up to run the 33rd Annual St. Petersburg Times Turkey Trot? We will have reserved parking at Trinity Presbyterian Church and then have a parking lot gathering. Bring a light brunch dish to share. Sign up for the race by November 7th at www.tampabay.com/turkeytrot and then let Kelly (KFitzgerald@peacememorial.org) know you plan to attend!

Calling All Children & Youth



Your talents are needed for this year's
NEW Christmas Drama entitled

“Chimes in the Night”

**Parts will be available for all levels of
interest and participation. First
rehearsal will be after church
beginning on November 13th.**

***Christmas Drama
18 December 2011***

Advent Workshop

Sunday, November 27th

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Roebbling Hall

ALL are invited to join the family at Peace Memorial as we
actively reflect on the Season of Advent.

- ✦ **Community Service Project for Homeless**
- ✦ **Make an Advent Wreath using fresh greens!**
- ✦ **Decorate a Jesse Tree**
- ✦ **Lectionary Study for Sunday Worship**
- ✦ **Bring an ornament to decorate a church tree**
- ✦ **Many more activities and crafts**

Please see brochure insert for full

Advent Schedule

WILLS, BEQUESTS, AND MEMORIALS SEMINAR

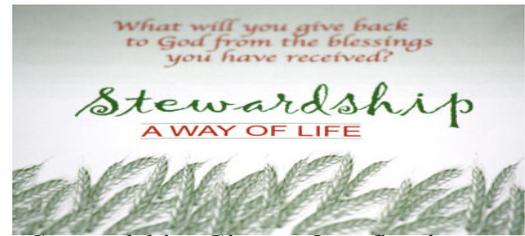
On Wednesday December 7th, at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Wills, Bequests, and Memorials Seminar with guest speakers. This workshop is sponsored by your Finance/Stewardship Council is open for all members of the church and friends and is free of charge.

Why would we want to attend a Wills, Bequests, and Memorials seminar?

1. Many people don't think that they need a will or are concerned about the cost of having one drawn up. **THESE ASSUMPTIONS ARE INCORRECT AND THIS SEMINAR WILL EXPLAIN WHY.**
2. Many people have a will but it has not been updated in a number of years. We don't take the time to have this done. **THIS WORKSHOP WILL EXPLAIN HOW EASILY AND QUICKLY THIS CAN BE DONE.**
3. I think I would like to have an Advance Care Plan Document or Living Will. How hard are these to prepare? **RECEIVE ONE AT THIS WORKSHOP.**
4. I have thought about leaving something to the church but don't know where it might be used. **THIS WORKSHOP WILL GIVE US THAT INFORMATION.**
5. I want to give a Memorial in honor of someone who is/was dear to me. I just don't know how to do that. **THIS WORKSHOP WILL EXPLAIN THAT TO ME.**
6. I am just not very organized and I am concerned that when I die my family won't know where my important papers are, my funeral desires, and who my personal advisors are. **THIS WORKSHOP WILL GIVE YOU A PERSONAL RECORD BOOK THAT WILL HELP YOU GET ORGANIZED.**

Please put on your calendar to attend the Wills, Bequests, and Memorials Seminar on Wednesday December 7th at 6:00 PM. No need to RSVP.

For more information see Cliff Williams or Janet Niemann.



Stewardship: Give to Overflowing

Over the past several weeks in worship, there have been giving stories told and lessons shared: the children's message illustrating the importance of giving back to God, my story of giving as a 'thank you note to God', and another member's story of his incredible life journey and why his giving is so much more than just tithing, and of the richness in blessings that he has received since his giving has grown. (Listen and watch for more such stories and illustrations in the coming weeks.)

Love and gratefulness are the heart of our stewardship. God calls us to give out of our abundance – the very abundance He has blessed us with. God promises to bless us even more in return – to overflowing. What in our earthly, material lives, is given so freely and so generously?

Malachi 3:8-12

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.”

Mother Theresa believed that: “It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving.”

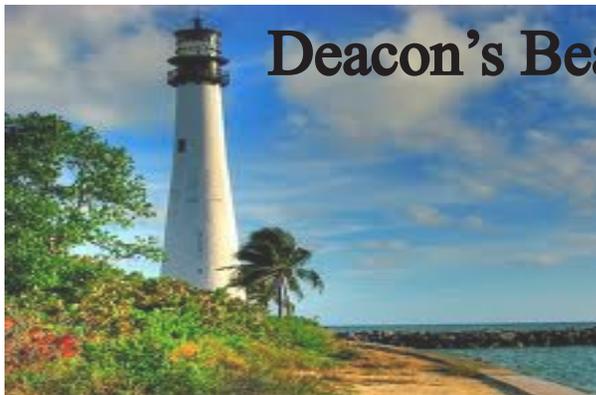
By putting love into our giving, we enable God to build up His church and do even more and greater good in our community and the world – this means building up Peace Memorial's missions and ministry, enriching the lives of our children, and providing opportunities to strengthen the study, fellowship and joy in our congregation.

When we give to God, we build our church.

You will soon be receiving a letter with your 2012 Pledge card. On November 13th - Stewardship Sunday – the congregation will be invited to walk forward and pledge your annual stewardship commitment.

Please prayerfully consider your gift – your thank you note to God – and be led by the voice of God in your heart. Thank you each for the many ways you bless God's church through your generosity.

Julie Bostick, Chair



Deacon's Beacon

Since this is my last writing for the "Deacon's Beacon" as co-moderator for the deacons, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow deacons. I begin with my co-moderator, Merry June Burwell, who has been away this summer but has continued to faithfully work and fulfill her obligations. Merry June is a long time member of Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, has been a wonderfully valuable resource for me.

Furthermore, I would like to thank the other deacons. Without their committees handling all aspects of the diaconate, it would have been impossible to accomplish our goals. I truly believe in the saying "It takes a village..." and in this case it takes every member of our diaconate to complete the tasks. That's the reason we all belong to a "Community of Faith".

Merry June Burwell, Harriette Barber, Jack Stonebraker, Linda Van Winkle and I will become "resting deacons". I thank Harriette for her enthusiastic and energetic work for RCS and Isaiah's Inn; Jack Stonebraker for his work with the Cold Night Shelter and Linda Van Winkle for her work with the Memorial Guild, Homebound Communion and General Visitation.

I also thank Paula, Kim, Cara, John and Charles for their never failing cooperation and resourcefulness. The next deacon meeting will take place on December 12, 2011. Our newly elected deacons are: Phyllis Hutton, Bill Trautwein, Keith Meyer and Sue Woodring. I am sure they will be ready to continue to carry the banner.

Finally thank you, congregation, for allowing me to grow in your midst.

Riet Van Der Pol, Co-moderator

ECKERD COLLEGE OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

All programs begin at 10:00 a.m. in Roebbling Hall
Annual membership: \$49;
non-members: \$15 per session

Thursday, November 3, "Bounty and Blessing"

For the beauty of nature and the support of friendship and family, writers and musicians of every creed have created passionate expressions of praise. In this inspiring concert, Joy Katzen-Guthrie, at the grand piano, will explore the universal messages of Thanksgiving.

Thursday, November 10, Shakepear Globe Theater

The Globe opened in 1599 and was the home to many of Shakespeare's plays performances. Travel back in time to an Elizabethan opening night.

Thursday, November 17 Treasures of the Mofa.

This lecture will highlight some of the impressive works in the MOFA, St. Petersburg collection from ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome, as well as medieval and renaissance treasures and works by Monet, Renoir, Cezanne, O'Keefe and others.

Thursday, December 8 George Gershwin

Gershwin may well be considered America's great composer. "The Man I Love" "Embraceable You" "Porgy and Bess"

In this class we will hear a wide spectrum of his music, including video excerpts of the making of "Porgy and Bess."

Peace Pals

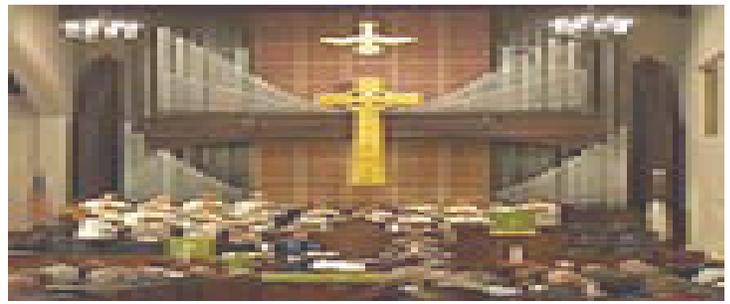
Dali Museum and Lunch, Tuesday, November 16,

Join Peace Pals friends for tour of the iconic new Dali Museum in St Petersburg. We will have time to stroll the garden labyrinth, check the gift shop and enjoy a Dutch Treat Lunch. The bus will leave the parking lot at 9am returning around 2:30pm. Cost \$22

Holiday Lights and Dessert, Thursday, December 15,

Come celebrate the season with Peace Pals at the Florida Botanical Gardens annual Holiday Lights. More than 500,000 lights will illuminate the thousands of plants and trees. We will top off the evening with Desert at a surprise location. Don't miss this fun time with your Peace Pals friends.

Contact Carol Lankton at 442-5522 with any question on all Peace Pals trips.



♪ PEACE MUSIC NOTES FOR
November and December ♪

Our upcoming concert series are as follows:

Nov. 13, at 3p.m. “A Swinging Good Time” Trumpeter and band leader extraordinaire Dan McMillion will lead his 10 man Jazz Orchestra in a program of jazz and swing arrangements of favorite tunes. These talented musicians have performed with such jazz giants as Buddy Rich and Maynard Ferguson.

Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. “Christmas through the Ages” The Herald Vocal Arts Ensemble will take us on a historical tour of Christmas music that is sure to put you in a yuletide mood. With 8 strong singers, the ensemble will entertain you with Christmas classics, traditional Carols, seasonal pop and jazz tunes, plus sing-a-longs for your holiday fun and participation.

In the month of December we will have several special services. During worship on the 11th the Chancel Choir will present a service of Lessons and Carols with brass accompaniment. The Children’s Christmas Drama will be presented in worship on the 18th. Our Traditional Christmas Eve Services will be at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on December 24th. And our Christmas Morning Service at 10:30 a.m. on December 25th.



The Property Council has been very busy this year and hope that you are enjoying the improvements. One that we are most happy with is the new sound system in the sanctuary. Don Gollither and his committee has been working diligently and the improvements are obvious each Sunday. Please be patient as we complete the project with a little tweaking. Thanks Don, great job!

We also have had the carpet replaced in the admin area which is beautiful.

We do have a special treat coming up hopefully in time for Kirkin’ of the Tartans, October 30. Mike Sanders and his committee are working on an historical display for Roebing Hall. We feel this type of exhibit will assist in giving members and visitors a lesson in the history of Peace. This will be the first of what we hope will be many exhibits for our members and guests to enjoy. Our Church is rich in history and we should share this with the community.

After a very successful Work Day in the spring with 30 in attendance, we have another day scheduled for Saturday, November 5 at 9 AM in the Peace Café Courtyard. We will be polishing up the sanctuary pews and choir loft, cleaning the kitchen, dusting and cleaning the windows. Hope you will volunteer for this! We will also be pressure cleaning the building and walkways. We will finish up around noon and will provide snacks and plenty of drinks. Please sign up in Roebing Hall.

Cold Weather Shelter, It’s that time of year of again. As the weather gets cooler one of the missions Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church provides is shelter for our neighbors who are less fortunate and don’t have a warm, safe place to sleep. Our shelter is open from November 15-March 15 when the temperature reaches 40 degrees or cooler. The shelter is run by volunteers and each year we ask for your help. Volunteers are needed for several different shifts. If you would be interested in volunteering or have questions please contact Chris Bowers @ 727-251-6691 or e-mail him @ cbowers9@verizon.net. There will also be a sign up sheet available in Roebing Hall.

Carol Warren, Chair



Men of Peace

The Men of Peace are gearing up for a great year; we continue to serve each week at Peace Café to more than 100 men, women and children. Pak A Sak continues to grow as well as we provide healthy meals for elementary students at Ponce de Leon Elementary School to take home for the weekend. We are now serving 23 students each week. We are looking for the members of our congregation to help us by sponsoring a child for just \$16.00 a month. Carlos Rodriguez is leading this project and doing a great job. The packing of the food is done on Wednesday at 10 AM, Sign up and enjoy the fun we have packing the sacks each week.

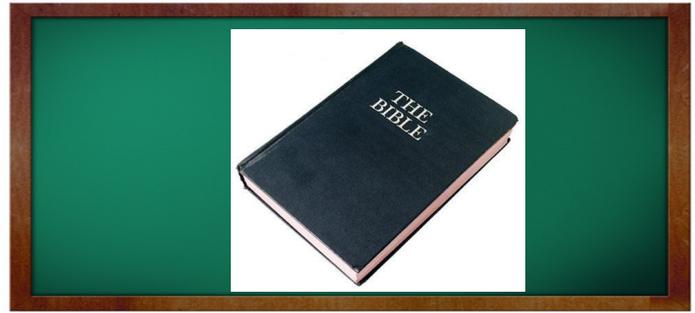
We meet on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am for Bible study. Our Bible Study this year is being led by Dan Johnson, we are studying the book of Acts, come join us for a time of fellowship and study.

We held a successful pancake breakfast in October to benefit the Homeless Solutions of Clearwater, which is the group we are helping to organize to help the homeless members of our community acquire their own thrift store. We will be looking for your help with donated clothing and household items when they are ready to open. We also worked with the homeless to raise funds for their new thrift store by parking cars in our lot during the Jazz Festival in October. Between the two fund raising events we raised over \$800.00 toward their project.

Movie Night held on the First Wednesday of each month with popcorn and cold drinks for the homeless in our community has averaged 30-35 each month since its start in September.

Join us the second Saturday of each month for our Men's Group meeting at 8:30 am. For more information contact Bill Trautwein, 727 463-6916

Bill Trautwein



Christian Nurture

As a Council, we welcome you to avail yourself of the many opportunities offered for Bible study and conversation. Each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. we meet in our adult class for a study based on the curriculum "Feasting on the Word." The studies cover selected passages in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. There is room for you at the table each week as we feast on His Word.

The early bird Bible study held on Wednesday mornings at 8 a.m. will conclude on Wednesday, November 9. These studies will pick up again in January 2012.

A new small group "Women Walking by Faith" began on Wednesday, October 19. The curriculum is entitled "Walking by Faith: Lessons learned in the dark." The group meets Wednesday evening once a month from 6:45 p.m. until 8 p.m. Next meeting is on November 2nd. Please contact Lynn Maloney for more details at 727 542-1115.

Men of Peace meet each Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. for a Bible study on the book of Acts.

We are extremely pleased to welcome Kelly Fitzgerald as our Director of Family Ministries. Kelly is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, having graduated with a Master of Divinity. Kelly's previous experiences in Christian Educational ministries have been at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Dunwoody, GA and at Faith Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, FL.

Frank Wolling, Chair



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
IN PEACE MEMORIAL**

We had a very good start to our 90th year. Our first circle meeting of the year was shared with Trinity and Christ Presbyterian. The min-

ister of Christ, the Reverend James Welch, gave the first lesson from our study book this year, "Confessing the Beatitudes." This is the first year we have combined with other churches for the first meeting of the year and we had such a good time perhaps we should do it again next year.

Our BAKE SALE will be on Sunday, November 20th, and as usual Dolores Harmon will be in charge. She has already got the refrigerator cleared out and ready to receive all the baked goods our members will bring. This is our biggest fund raiser and we hope you will all bring or buy the delicious goodies we spread before you each year.

Our Thank Offering Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 18th after church. This will be a "covered dish" luncheon. The offering at this luncheon goes to the Helping Hand House in Tacoma, Washington; Scioto County Counseling Center, Inc. in Portsmouth, Ohio; Cornerstone Rescue Mission, Rapid City, South Dakota among others as groups nationally and then Internationally missions of Presbyterian Women Asian Christian Ministries, Inc. Gurjanwala, Pakistan; Community Livelihood Improvement, Kasoa, Ghana; Ekwendeni Hospital in Ekwendeni, Malawi; Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar, Women's Department, Antananarivo, Madagascar among others. If you contact me I can give you any information you need either on what to bring or where the money is going.

I would like, along with the members of the Coordinating Team, to wish all women of the Church and their families a Happy Thanksgiving, Blessed Christmas, and a Very Happy and free from worry New Year.

Dorris Folwell
Moderator



**Serving during Worship
for November & December**

Liturgist

Nov. 6 Pam Chapin	Dec. 4 Brooks Workman
Nov. 13 Cliff Williams	Dec. 11 N/A
Nov. 20 Donnie Miller	Dec. 18 Dan Johnson
Nov. 27 Cynthia Eason	Dec. 24 Don Gollhofer
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	Dec. 25 Don Gollhofer

Sound Operator Schedule

Nov. 6 Glenn Anderson	Dec. 4 Trenton Hice
Nov. 13 Glenn Anderson	Dec. 11 Trenton Hice
Nov. 20 Doug White	Dec. 18 Richard Shaw
Nov. 27 Doug White	Dec. 24 Richard Shaw
	Dec. 24 Roy Workman
	Dec. 25 Roy Workman

Ushering Schedule

11/6	12/4
Team 8	Team 4
Bob Boos-Head Usher	Bob Valentine-Head Usher
Elesa Boos	Susan Dees
Charles Markham	Dan Johnson
Kathleen Markham	Sharon Poulos
11/13	12/11
Team 1	Team 5
Doug White-Head Usher	Sue Ellis-Head Usher
Ford Reagan	Annette Wall
Michael Bowles	Judy Hecker
Evie Bowles	Glenn Anderson
11/20	12/18
Team 2	Team 6
Brent Emerson-Head Usher	Scott Tyler-Head Usher
Megan Emerson	Andrea Tyler
Charles Tagoe	Frank Velarde
Frank Wolling	Carlos Rodriguez
11/27	12/24 - 5:00 p.m.
Team 3	Team 7
Diane Spohn-Head Usher	Alex Zouncourides-HU
Sharon Spohn	Sonya Kelley
Phyllis Hutton	Danielle Hice
Anne Epling	Trenton Hice
12/25-Christmas Day	12/24 7:00 p.m.
Team 1	Team 8
Doug White-Head Usher	Bob Boos-Head Usher
Ford Reagan	Elesa Boos
Michael Bowles	Charles Markham
Evie Bowles	Kathleen Markham

**November/December 2011
Sermon Texts and Titles**

DATE	TEXT/VERSE	TITLE
November 6 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	“The Time is Now”
November 13 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	“Celebrating God’s Gifts”
November 20 Christ the King/Reign of Christ Kelley Fitzgerald, Preaching	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	“Christ The King”
November 27 1st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	“Surprised by God”
December 4 2nd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	“Baptized in Love”
December 11 3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	“Lessons and Carols”
December 18 4th Sunday of Advent Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:46b-55 or Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	“Christmas Drama”
December 25 Nativity of Jesus Christ/ Christmas Day	Dawn: Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2: (1-7) 8-20 Day: Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12) John 1:1-14	“A Witness to the Light”

Evangelism Council



Your Evangelism Council ...along with all the other Councils at Peace... is busy gearing up for our busiest time of year.

Our first concert in this year's season was an outstanding event. The musical talent was superb! And what a great opportunity for all of us at Peace Memorial to extend Christian fellowship to the many members of our community who come within our doors. Be sure to mark your calendar for the second Sunday afternoon of each month and prepare for a great time.

???? PRESBYTERIAN ????

Would you like to know more about the Reformed tradition of Faith and Presbyterian heritage? Need more information about the life and missions of Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church? Members and visitors alike are invited to join Dr. Bill Cowfer and other leaders of Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church during our Inquirer's Class series beginning Sunday November 6, 2011. Topics for the three session class will include basics of the Reformed tradition of faith and what membership in the Presbyterian Church (USA) offers.

We extend a heartfelt invitation to those of you who are interested in becoming members at Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church to join us. Classes will begin at 9:00AM in the Conference Room (upstairs directly over the Parlor). Please contact Dr. Bill Cowfer or call the church office if you have questions.

Please prayerfully study Matthew 28: 19-20 and consider what it says to you as an individual. Invite a friend to Sunday Worship or to one of the many events at Peace.

BreadBreakers begins January 20, 2012...a wonderful chance to begin or enrich our relationships amongst members and visitors alike. Sign-up in Roebing Hall or call the church office.

Coming in January

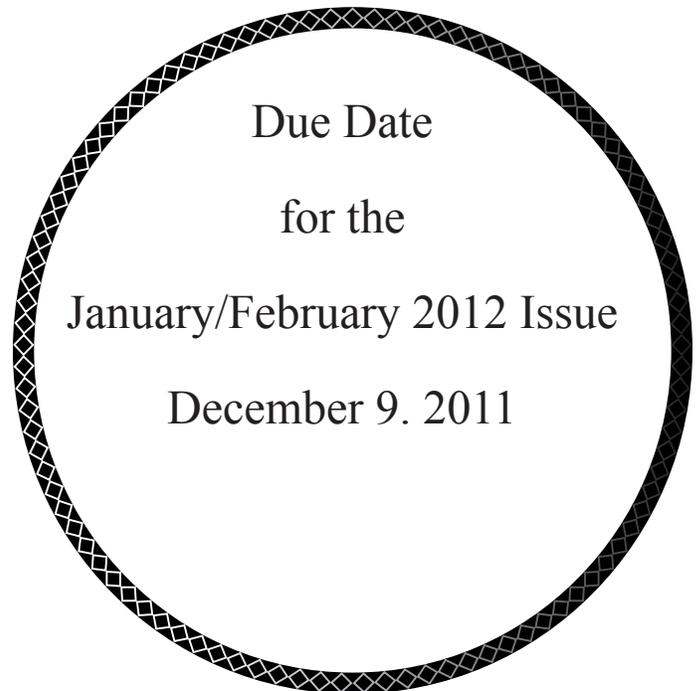
WHAT: BreadBreakers is a fellowship experience during which you will meet and get to know members and visitors alike! At the Kick-off we will meet as a large group and then will be divided into smaller groups of 6 to 8 people. These smaller groups will decide amongst themselves where and when they will meet once monthly for the following 3 months. Each group decides if they would like to meet for a meal or dessert or even just a snack...and if they would like to meet in one of the members home or a more public venue.

WHEN: Kick-off on Friday night January 20, 2012 from 6:00 – 8:30PM in the great time-honored tradition of the Potluck supper!

WHERE: Roebing Hall

TELL ME MORE: BreadBreakers provides an opportunity, in a smaller setting to get to know other members of the congregation we might otherwise only see on Sundays. It's a great chance to share information and ideas within the setting of Christian fellowship. The company is always good, and people go away feeling connected to one another.

Pam Chapin and Silvia Rodriguez , Co-Chairs



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