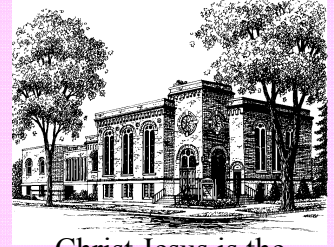


THE CORNER CONNECTION



Christ Jesus is the
Chief Cornerstone
Ephesians 2:19-20

February
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Cater-Comer

What kind of Presbyterian are you? (Before I go on I must tell you that some considerable time was spent deliberating this phrase. My choices were Presbyterian, Christian, or believer. You can see my ultimate choice but you may substitute the denomination or word of your choice!)

To make it easier I'll make this multiple choice: Are you a: A) pig Presbyterian or B) chicken Presbyterian?

What's that you say? You need some more information before making an informed decision? Perhaps this fable might help you.

The barnyard was in a dither. It had happened that slowly, one by one, species by species, the barnyard population was being decreased. At one time the barnyard was filled with any number of critters: chickens, ducks, guinea hens, and geese. There were cows, goats, sheep, horses, and pigs. We might include the three dogs and umpteen cats as well. But today it was only the chickens and pigs that remained. The ducks, geese, and guineas? – gone. The same was true for the cows, goats, sheep, and horses. Why even the cats and dogs were nowhere to be found. One of the more curious hens had just that morning perched on the kitchen window sill and overheard the farm wife and husband talking at the table. It seems that they had hit a rough spell and just to make ends barely meet, they had begun to sell off their livestock. There were never that many other fowl so they were the first to go – sold the whole lot to a farm on the other side of town. Next, it was the goats and sheep and they went to the same farm. The two milk cows were a bit harder to let go but it finally came to that and off they went as well. It was quite a while later that the decision was made about the horses as the cows brought good money but the time had come for them to go too. Now the proceeds from the sale of the horses was just about gone too and the curious hen reported to all that had gathered – thirty-two hens, one rooster, two sows, and an old boar – that they were the next to go! “Go? Where?

When? Would we be split up?” clucked all the hens nervously. “What can we do to help the people in these hard times?” they all wondered aloud. The pigs put their heads together for a moment and then suggested that they all go on half rations for as long as it would take! The chickens, feeling peckish as they are wont to do, voted that idea down immediately. Then the rooster spoke up and said that something more drastic needed to be done and proposed that a benefit breakfast be served. The menu would consist of eggs, grits, biscuits, ham and bacon and the cost would be \$5 per plate. The pigs grunted their disapproval while all the hens cackled with pleasure. You can imagine what the final vote was! Just as they were about to settle it all and tell the wife and husband, the old boar hog shuffled up and looked at the rooster and said. “You can't be serious about that cockamamie idea, a benefit breakfast of ham, eggs, AND bacon! You must think we pigs are dimwitted.” The cocksure rooster, with a sly wink to the hens said, “Why, Hoggy, old chap, what do you mean? This will require all of us to do our part to help this family.” The old hog, with a shake of his jowly head remarked, “Do our part, eh? Seems to me you chickens will just be making a simple contribution to that breakfast while we pigs shall be making a total commitment, a true sacrifice!”

And so it is with us as well. We are certainly ready to make a contribution but a bit more reluctant to be totally committed. That is true for us as Presbyterians and Christians. Perhaps deciding to be a member of a certain church does not need to be looked at in such a drastic fashion. Church membership is just a small part of our being a Christian. But can you be both, a chicken Presbyterian and a pig Christian? It seems to me that Jesus was pretty clear that being a follower of his meant having to make drastic sacrifices regardless of what you named yourself.

By the way the fable ends with the proceeds of the breakfast finally running out and the next fundraiser was – yep you guessed it – a chicken dinner!

Dan

New Books in the Church Library



Library News

Books and Movies Added This Year

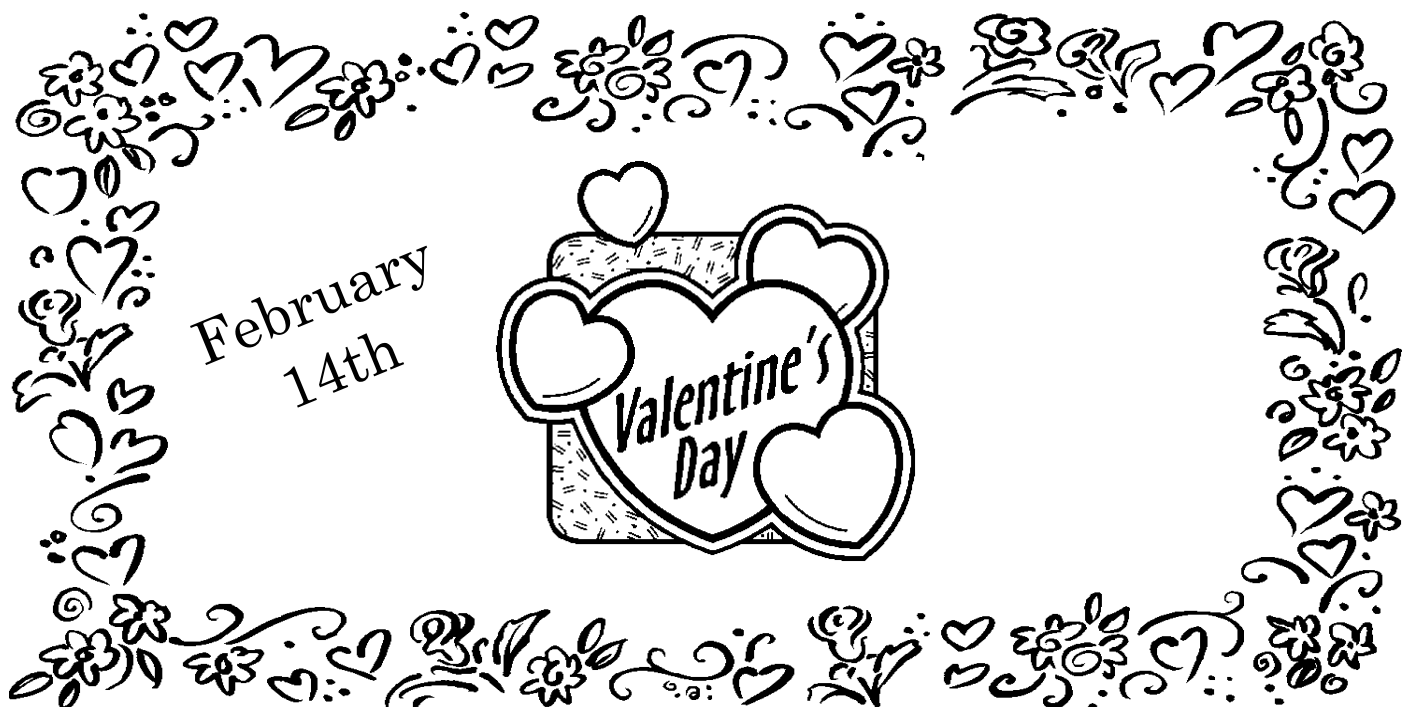
Real Christianity: Discerning True Faith from False Beliefs W. Wilberforce

Praying God's Word Day by Day B. Moore

Let's Return to Christian Unity K. Kuroski

The Climb DVD

The Hiding Place DVD



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Looking to Help Cook Dinner? Call
Marcia Davis 212-7070

February 27 @ 6:30 PM

Ray of Hope

Meet us for dinner at 6:30
6:50 Travel to Kalispell

We will be meeting and talking with Bob and
Peggy Christiansen who started the Homeless

Shelter called "Ray of Hope"

A Hand Up, not a Hand Out

We will be doing whatever they request at the
shelter for the evening!

FEBRUARY 2008

Youth Group @ First Pres.

www.fpcwhitefish.org

February 13 @ 6:30 pm

Youth Group with Donnie

*There's no telling what's going to happen
this night with Donnie at the helm!*

No doubt it will be fun and meaningful!

Dinner at 6:30



At a Glance

February

6 - Ash Wednesday
Service

13 - Group with
Donnie

February 6 @ 6:30 pm
Ash Wednesday Service

No Dinner
Please join us in the sanctuary
For the service.

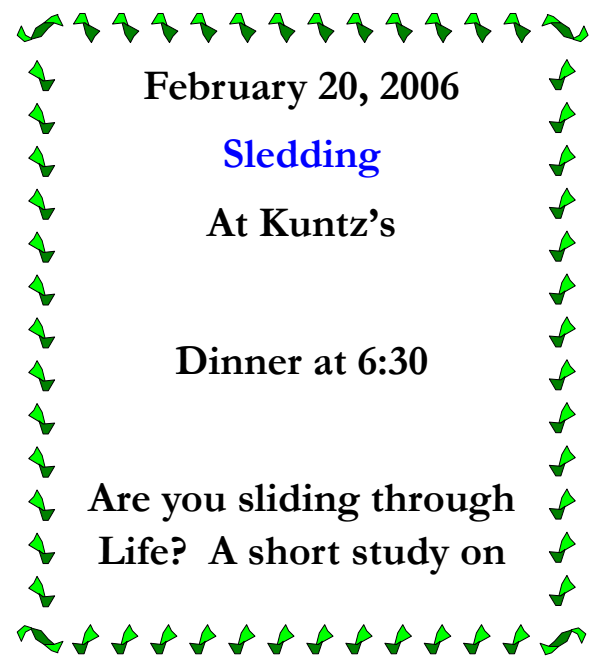
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Sledding

At Kuntz's

Dinner at 6:30

**Are you sliding through
Life? A short study on**

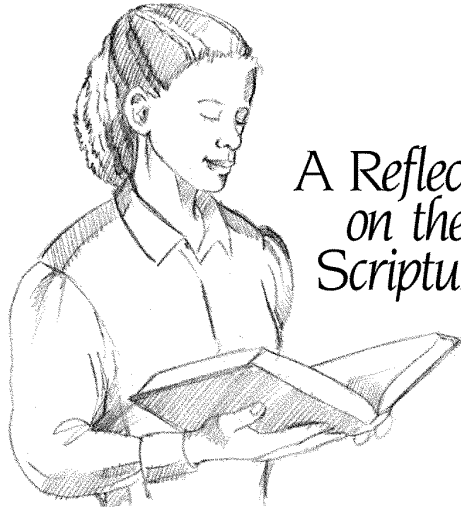


SESSION HAPPENINGS – JANUARY 12, 2008 RETREAT

- ‡ Pastor Dan cancelled the regular meeting scheduled for January 9, 2008, since six Elders were unable to attend.
- ‡ The Session met for a retreat at Glacier Camp January 12, 2008.
- ‡ At the retreat, a motion passed to authorize Bob Paulus to continue publishing Koinonia through 2008. Chuck Paulus printed the last issue on his laser printer and will print subsequent issues. Bob started Koinonia in the fall of 2006 and has consistently turned out a quality publication.
- ‡ A motion passed to have a new table constructed to replace the small antique table at the back of the sanctuary. The new table will be large enough to display bulletins and other printed materials, plus hold the children's activity bags and hearing amplification devices. The antique table will be moved into Fellowship Hall.
- ‡ Installation and ordination of Elders and Deacons will be January 27. Deloris House will be the assisting Elder.
- ‡ The next regular meeting will be February 6, at 7:30 P.M. (following the Ash Wednesday service).
- ‡ The Lenten study series will begin February 5, preceded by a pancake supper at 6:30 P.M.

Winter
RETREAT





*A Reflection
on the
Scriptures*

**FEBRUARY
SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

*“For my house shall be called a
house of prayer for all peoples.*

(Isaiah 57:7)

Transfiguration of the Lord— February 3

Exod. 24:12-18; Ps. 2 or Ps. 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

1st Sunday in Lent— February 10

Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Ps. 32; Rom. 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

2nd Sunday in Lent— February 17

Gen. 12:1-4a; Ps. 121; Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

3rd Sunday in Lent— February 24

Exod. 17:1-7; Ps. 95; Rom. 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

MISSION STATEMENT

The main purpose of the First Presbyterian Church is to glorify God and enjoy God forever.

To fulfill this purpose, we affirm three God-given responsibilities:

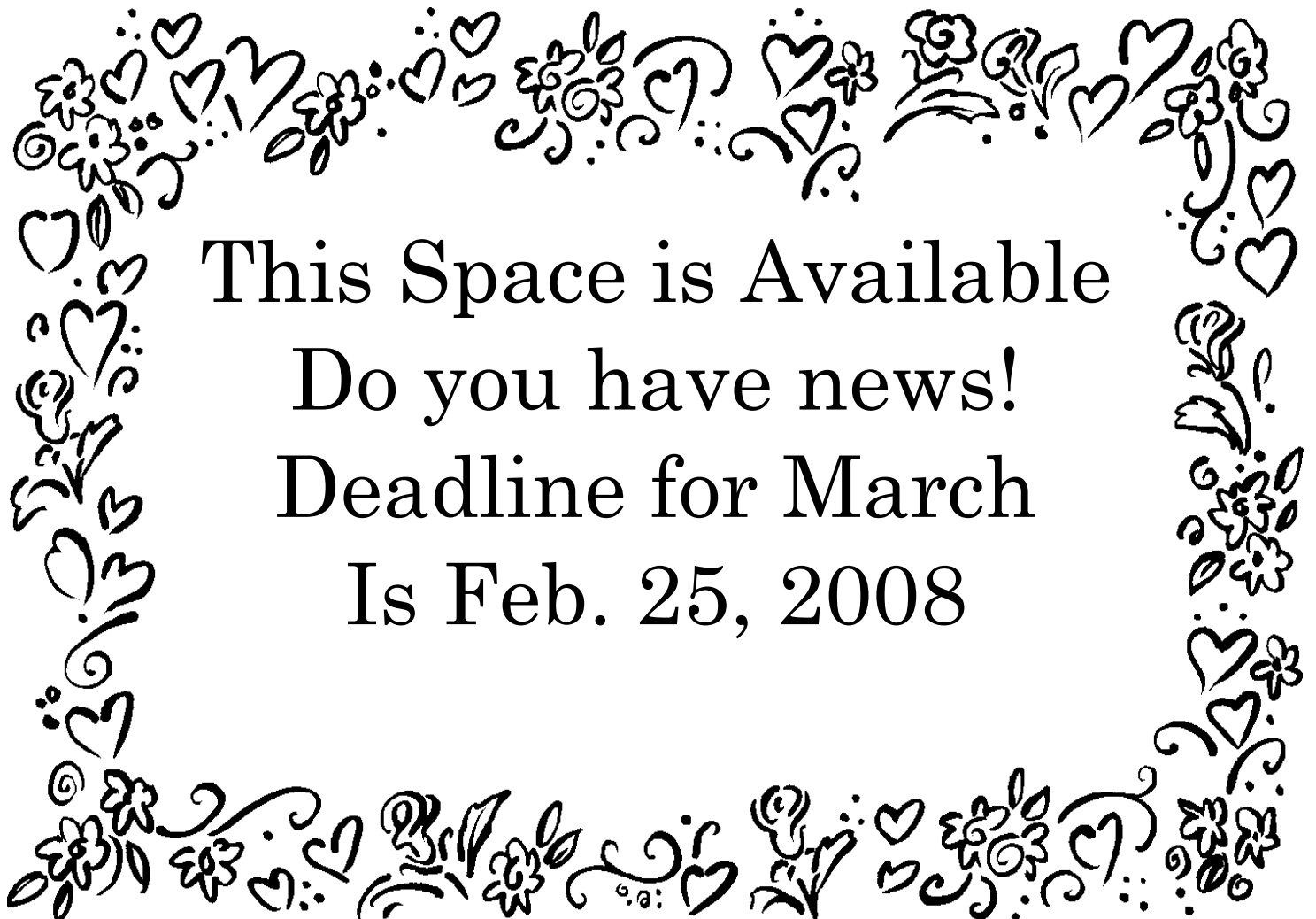
- ⇒ To know, love and worship God through Jesus Christ
- ⇒ To serve and build up one another in love as members of the body of Christ
- ⇒ To go into our community, our country and the world, empowered by God’s Holy Spirit to make disciples, teaching them all that Christ commands

BITS & PIECES

Presbyterian Women News

The "Women of Faith" conference on "Freedom" was held in the Rose Garden arena in downtown Portland in October. Seventeen thousand women including six of our Monday afternoon Bible Study ladies attended this life-changing conference. Four of these attendees - Karen Rosenberg, Deb House, Shelle Kuntz, and Mary Swada - enthusiastically shared some of their experiences with us at the annual PW salad luncheon. What a pleasure it was to hear each of them speak. They inspired many of us to consider attending one of the conferences. Thank you ladies!

Arline



This Space is Available
Do you have news!
Deadline for March
Is Feb. 25, 2008