



# Expressions

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## A MONTH TO ENJOY

*The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time ...*

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I wish I could claim the quote above, but alas, that is not an original thought from me. As far as I'm aware these are singer/songwriter James Taylor's original words from his song The Secret of Life. I'm not sure I've fully figured out "the secret," but if I don't always "enjoy the passage of time," I am at least pretty perpetually amazed by it.

Last year Lent began in the middle of this month of February. Ash Wednesday was one day before Valentine's Day and our mood shifted very early in the year to accommodate Lenten disciplines and reflections. This year Lent doesn't begin until March! (Easter is a "moving holiday," coming as it does on the first Sunday after the full moon after the Spring equinox.) In other words, this year we have the whole month of February to "enjoy" and engage and connect and commune with one another and with our God and with our world before we enter the reflective season of Lent.

All through the month of January I drove home the conviction that our scripture's telling and our church's teaching (doctrine) about the *Incarnation*, the way in which God is embodied in human form, is not *just* about Jesus. It is also about you ... and me. In sermon, after sermon, after sermon, after sermon (too bad January wasn't a five Sunday month!) I offered this Spirit given conviction of mine to the community that worships at PVPC. How have you responded, so far? (If you weren't in worship last month and you're hearing this for the first time, then "How *will* you respond now?")

We have the whole month of February to "incarnate God" through our own lives, in our own families, with our own friends, for our own communities, before our Lenten season begins. What a gift! Enjoy it, and remember the secret (see above). The second line of Taylor's song goes like this: *Any fool can do it. There ain't nothing to it ...*

Maybe there's a little more than "nothing" to it, but I do believe we can "do it." Want to know a good place to start? See you in church ...

Joel

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### Bill Jewell

#### Director Youth Ministries/CE

Mon., Tue., Wed.

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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#### Administrative Assistant

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

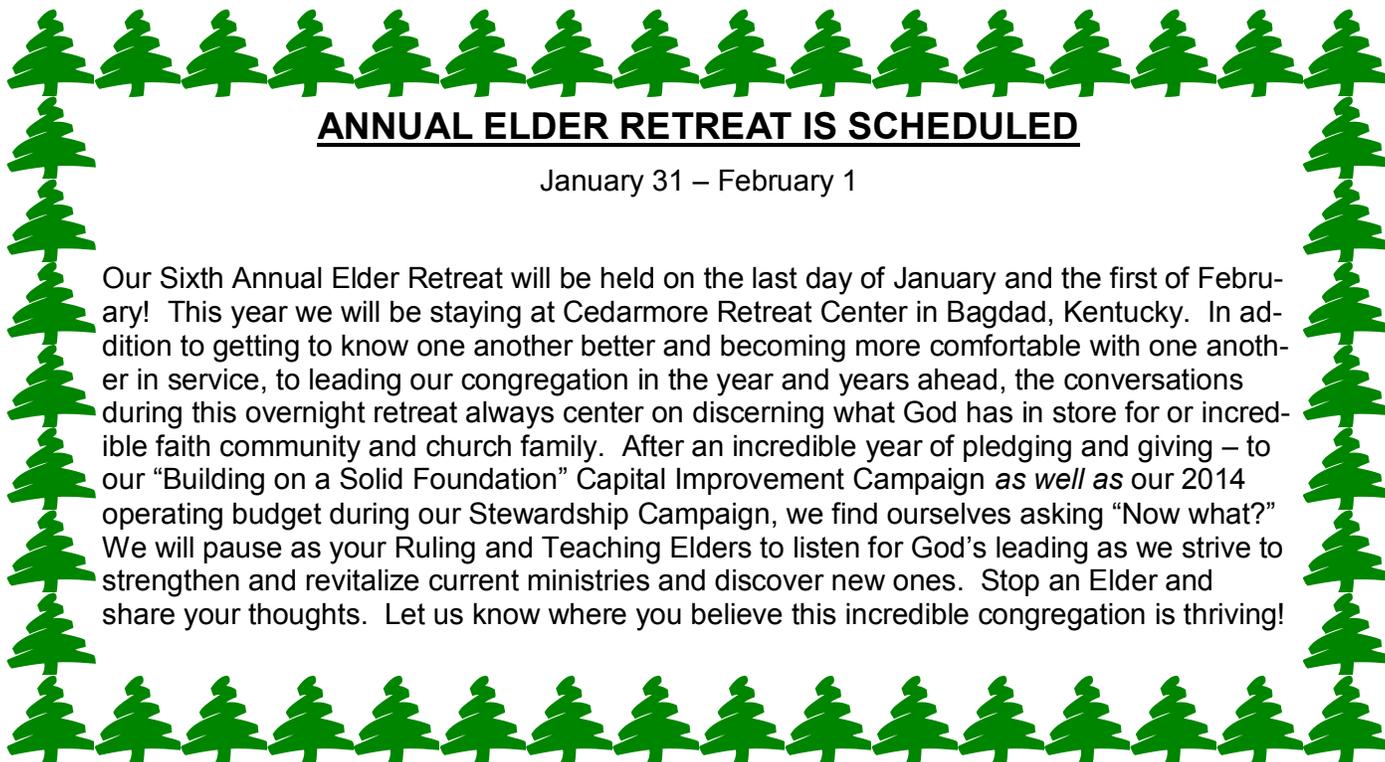
### Marie Fledderman

#### Bookkeeper

Monday-Tuesday

8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

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**ANNUAL ELDER RETREAT IS SCHEDULED**

January 31 – February 1

Our Sixth Annual Elder Retreat will be held on the last day of January and the first of February! This year we will be staying at Cedarmore Retreat Center in Bagdad, Kentucky. In addition to getting to know one another better and becoming more comfortable with one another in service, to leading our congregation in the year and years ahead, the conversations during this overnight retreat always center on discerning what God has in store for or incredible faith community and church family. After an incredible year of pledging and giving – to our “Building on a Solid Foundation” Capital Improvement Campaign *as well as* our 2014 operating budget during our Stewardship Campaign, we find ourselves asking “Now what?” We will pause as your Ruling and Teaching Elders to listen for God’s leading as we strive to strengthen and revitalize current ministries and discover new ones. Stop an Elder and share your thoughts. Let us know where you believe this incredible congregation is thriving!

**PVPC AT FRIENDSHIP MANOR**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

On this Sunday afternoon we will once again lead a time of song and prayer with the residents who gather. We typically stay about 20-30 minutes to celebrate the love of God and the Good News of Christ, and everyone is welcome to come and join us! Please put this one on your calendar.



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY**

**Sunday, February 23 at 10:30 a.m.**

It’s that time again. At the conclusion of our one worship service, held at 10:30 a.m., on this Sunday, we will celebrate the past year and look forward to the coming one by convening our Annual Meeting. In addition to receiving reports from our Session, ministry teams, and church staff, we will hear important updates on church life including a final financial report for 2013 and updates on the approved 2014 budget. The meeting will conclude our Worship service together on this special morning. **Don’t miss it!**

### **WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY**

Dinner is served at 5:45 in the Gym on these evenings. **Bell Choir Rehearsal** begins at 6:15 and our **“Speakers”** (listed below) begin at 6:20 when the children slip out with Ms. Phoebe.

**February 5:** Kentucky Starz Volleyball at PVPC

**Guest Speaker: Mr. Mike McC Carson**

*Director of Reason and Complaint Department Head*

**February 12:** “The State of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery”

**Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Peggy Hinds**

*Associate General Presbyter of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery*

**February 19:** “Theological Education Today”

**Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Lee Hinson-Hasty,**

*Coordinator for Theological Education and Seminary Relations and a lead staff person for the [Committee on Theological Education](#) of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

**February 26:** “The Challenge of Pluralism, Diversity and Globalization”

**Guest Speaker: Jud Hendrix**

*Compassion In Action Coordinator, Kentucky Refugee Ministries*

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30p

- This is next month, of course, but very early on, so please be sure that you are prepared! We will
- gather in the sanctuary for this annual service that formally begins our Lent. The service will include
- the imposition of ashes and the celebration of Communion by “Intinction.” Please plan to gather with
- us as we begin the discernment and discovery that is part of our Lenten journey with one another.
- Nursery care will be available.

“All The Fish You Can Eat”

### **FISH FRY**

**Friday, March 7th**

**4:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.**

Adults \$10.00 ~ Seniors \$9.00 ~ Children \$4.00

A fun evening traditionally enjoyed in our church for over 57 years!

Fresh Fillets of Cod ~ French Fries ~ Slaw

Pies (Fresh-baked by our women of the church.)

**A Note From the CDC**

Happy February Everyone! I hope this new month finds you filled with warm and happy thoughts and maybe, finally, thawing out from January's "Polar Vortex". I know that we, at the CDC, are all hoping that February is a little bit warmer so that we can get the children outside some. We all need to get out and run and stretch a bit!

During the month of February we have many fun activities in store and hope that you might join us for some of them. Chapel will be on Wednesday, February the 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am. This is always a very special time and I really encourage you to come and visit with us if you can. The children will also be celebrating Valentine's Day with their classmates. Each class celebrates individually so you never know what you'll find around here that day. Since February is Dental Health Month, we have arranged a visit from a dentist for our 3 and 4 year-old-classes on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and finally, we will end the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss week. If you've never witnessed some of the fun activities we do for Dr. Seuss week, then you really should come by and see us! We have a wonderful time!

The children of the CDC and their families have certainly had a good time collecting canned goods and other items to fill the local food pantry. Some of our classes are very anxious to find out who will win the ice cream party! Tune in next month for the exciting results. The CDC is hoping to arrange a visit from the Red Cross Bloodmobile sometime in the near future, so keep watching for more details!

Thanks to all of you for your support! In 2013 we received a little over \$1600.00 for the year from the Kroger Fundraiser Cards and we have started out 2014 already with a check for \$415.00. We will also receive a check soon from the recycling company that we work with for the printer cartridges in the amount of \$200.00. Wow! Keep those Kroger cards loaded and those printer cartridges coming in! That's a lot of FREE money.

I hope you all have a warm and loving Valentine's Day!

Sincerely,  
Sharon Davis, Director

**Chapel Service With The *Child Development Center***

10:00 a.m. – Wednesday, February 5th and Tuesday, February 18th

We have one chapel service this month for the children in our care five days week. Any and all who are able are welcome (and encouraged!) to come. Our time together usually lasts about twenty minutes and includes songs, prayers, sharing from scripture by Pastor Joel and a celebration of the month's birthdays. Love to see you in our sanctuary with the children!

**KEEPING UP WITH OUR YOUTH!**

**Valentine Dance**

If you haven't yet, Save The Date! And Make Your Reservations! The umpteenth Annual Valentine's Dance is happening on Saturday, February 8th, 2014. Tickets are again only \$25 a person, and include an incredible dinner, a romantic atmosphere, awesome music and an opportunity to support the youth of PVPC. Though their parents put an inordinate amount of effort into this event, the youth are truly at the heart of it. All funds raised this year will go to provide an opportunity for each of our youth to attend the Multi-Cultural Youth Conference held at Mo Ranch, in southwestern Texas. Our very own Joy Girgis is providing leadership for this conference by participating on the core leadership team. Please make your reservations for the dinner/dance by calling the church office at 241-4326, emailing the office a [pvpcoffice@bluegrass.net](mailto:pvpcoffice@bluegrass.net), or speaking to one of the parents of our youth.

**Valentine Silent Auction!**

Please consider helping us as well by donating an item or service, asking a business owner to do the same, or maybe gathering a few of your friends to put together a theme basket for our silent auction to be held at the Valentines Dance. Let us know you are providing an item by contacting the church office with the details, or contacting Holly Clark with any questions.

**Mid-KY Presbytery Youth Event a Huge Success!**

Approximately 150 youth and 45 adults gathered at SKYZONE INDOOR TRAMPOLINE CENTER on January 19th for a great day of fun, fellowship, pizza and a chance have so much fun that we were literally bouncing off the walls! 2013 Triennium participants got re-acquainted, friends from school surprised each other, new friendships were made, and many of us were encouraged to see so much energy around an event meant to gather us together in community.

**PVPC Congregational Winter Event!**

PVPC was well represented early in January amongst several generations as we met at Ten Pin Lanes for an afternoon of bowling, fellowship and an incredible amount of laughter! Some of us were still groaning about aches and pains for a week following, but everyone is still talking about how much fun we had as we scored a few strikes alongside many, many gutter balls! Regardless of the numbers on the boards overhead, we scored a big hit in getting together with our friends in faith. Keep an eye out for our next congregational event in the spring!



## Super bowl of Souper Bowls!

**Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church** and the **Child Development Center** are *teaming* (!) up to fight hunger in our community! Instead of competing against each other, we are collaborating to help families and children who will otherwise go without food and other necessities. From January 1<sup>st</sup> until February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will collect items from the list below. And since it takes a “*ton*” of food to feed a community, let’s set our goal at a ton of food – 2,000 pounds! And since it takes more than just food to support families, let’s also add a \$1 per pound to our goal! Bring your items to church on any day of the week and place them in the grocery cart. Bring your change and dollars in and place them in the collection jar. We will add everything up in 30 days and see how we measure up. The money will be used to purchase items that are missing from our collection but necessary for families to have healthy, balanced meals.

If you are like me, that sounds like a lot of food! But let’s do a little math and take a minute to ponder the answer. One family with four people will eat on average 360 meals a month. If each meal is approximately 1 pound in weight, then that comes to about 360 pounds of food in a month. **If we collect 2,000 pounds, that will provide 5 families with four people food for one month.**

Food and financial proceeds will be used in support of the Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church Food and Clothing program. Donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to **PVPC** and memo “**Souper Bowl.**”

### Canned Items

Assorted vegetables and fruits  
Assorted meats (chicken, tuna, etc.)  
Assorted beans  
Assorted meals (chili, Spaghetti-Os, etc.)  
Tomato products  
Assorted soups and broths  
Coffee  
Olives

### Boxed Items

Assorted individual fruit cups  
Assorted cereal (hot and cold)  
Grits  
Rice  
Complete meals  
Assorted pastas  
Macaroni and cheese  
Ramen Noodles  
Jell-o and pudding mix  
Tea  
Multi-pack crackers  
Sandwich crackers  
Lunchables  
Powdered milk  
Instant potatoes, etc.  
Bisquick

### Condiments

Mustard  
Mayonnaise  
Ketchup  
Flour  
Corn meal  
Sugar

### Kitchen-related Items

Aluminum foil  
Plastic wrap  
Sandwich bags  
Freezer bags  
Table napkins  
Assorted spices  
Assorted cooking oils  
Vinegar

### Food in Glass/Plastic Container

Assorted pasta sauces  
Assorted salad dressings  
Assorted dried beans  
Rice  
Peanut butter  
Assorted jellies

### Infant Needs

Formula  
Assorted baby food  
Diapers  
Wipes  
Soaps

### Personal Hygiene

Assorted feminine products  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Bath soap (bar or liquid)  
Brushes and combs  
Assorted razors  
Lotions and creams  
Mouthwash  
Shampoo, conditioner  
Skin (sun) protection creams

### Household Items

Cleaning cloths  
Cleaning soaps  
Paper towels  
Toilet paper  
Laundry soap



## Anniversaries

### February

- 06** Donald & Harriet Whitehouse  
**27** Ralph & Judy Hall



## Birthdays

### February

- 01** Candler Goss  
**01** Harriet Whitehouse  
**02** Paul Culbertson  
**02** Michael New  
**04** Logan Age  
**04** Annelie Russell  
**05** Maria Faul  
**05** Zack Logan  
**06** Sandy McCarson  
**08** Jenny Williams  
**08** Nicolas Williams  
**09** Anna Faul  
**09** Carole Logan  
**15** Crystal Whitehouse  
**17** Ian Akers  
**18** Robert Hicks  
**18** Alexandra Tolsdorf  
**19** Sally Bunnell  
**25** Margaret Hill  
**25** Tyger Williams  
**27** Richard Ray

### Worship Attendance

#### January

|          |       |     |
|----------|-------|-----|
| 01/05/14 | 10:30 | 95  |
| 01/12/14 | 10:30 | 114 |
| 01/19/14 | 10:30 | 73  |
| 01/26/14 | 10:30 | 75  |

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 7, 2014

Streams in the Desert

Please join us at LaGrange Presbyterian Church, 1901 Prestwick Dr. LaGrange, Kentucky, for the World Day of Prayer. Worship time is at 12:00 noon. This event is sponsored by Church Women United in the Louisville area. For more information please contact Karen Wood. Please bring canned goods for Dare to Care.

### Thank You!

Betty and I would like to thank everyone for all the things you did for us after my father's passing. The food, visits, cards, and donations have meant a lot. We really appreciate all the kindness you showed Dad on the Sundays he came to church with us. Our church family is very important to us.

Thank you,  
Tom Deibel

**Children's Sermon**

**February**

- 02** Joel Weible
- 09** Bill Jewell
- 16** Christiaan Faul
- 23** Jenna Wissink

**Children's Church**

**February**

- 02** Jenny & Mitch Williams
- 09** Holly Clark
- 16** Lottie Williams
- 23** Stephanie Willis

**Acolytes**

**February**

- 02** MacKenna Williams & Luke Levinson
- 09** Toby Fletcher
- 16** Ethan Willis
- 23** Gabe Weible

**Thank You**

Pastor Joel & Members of PVCP,

Thank you is not enough to express our gratitude for the support, love and generosity shown to Lott's Creek Community School at Christmas time. We reached our goal of 300 donated toys, thanks to your support of this Appalachian Mission. We truly appreciate everything this church has done for Lott's Creek.

Sincerely, Jill MacNiven & Alice Whitaker, Director

**December 2013 Financial**

|                              | <b>Current Month</b> | <b>Current Month</b> | <b>Year To Date</b> | <b>Year To Date Budget</b> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Member Contributions</b>  | \$40,558.00          | \$21,092.00          | \$241,240.00        | \$253,100.00               |
| <b>Loose Plate Offerings</b> | \$741.00             | \$267.00             | \$2,759.00          | \$3,200.00                 |
| <b>CDC Contributions</b>     | \$7,710.00           | \$7,705.00           | \$92,520.00         | \$92,464.00                |
| <b>All Other Income</b>      | \$2,423.00           | \$2,460.00           | \$19,526.00         | \$30,901.00                |
| <b>Expenses</b>              | \$25,220.00          | \$26,855.00          | \$368,293.00        | \$375,085.00               |

**February Ushers-2014**

- 02/02/2014 **Team 1** Larry and Connie Vice, Ron and Carol Warren
- 02/09/2014 **Team 2** Carol Culver; Adele Bolton, Vivien Reinhardt
- 02/16/2014 **Team 3** Tom and Betty Deibel, Zack and Carol Logan
- 02/23/2014 **Team 4** Ted Merhoff; Brad and Betsy Warren



*PRAVERS*  
*& CONCERNS*

**Carl Wright** (friend of Bob and Sally Pace)

**Jude** (friend of Mary Ann Marker and Sis Marker)

**Carol Bockey** (friend of D.D. Hendrickson)

**Mary Boone**

**Liz** (friend of Paula Malone)

**Mary Jane Kinser** (friend of Gin Chaudoin)

**Dee Ann Riggs** (former member)

**David Stokes** (friend of Dan and Laura Kinnicutt)

**Terry Rawn** (friend of Jim Trimpe)

**Margie Thompson**

**Allyson Powlus** (sister of Rick Fletcher)

**Frank Wark** (friend of Jan Beaverson)

**Peyton Kepfer** (nephew of a friend of Clare Grant)

**Bobbie Holihan** (friend of Virginia Baumann)

**Waller Braden** (friend of Sally Bunnell)

**Mary Louise Boone-Abraham** (granddaughter of Mary Boone)

**Jim Harrah** (friend of Ted Merhoff)

**Chris & Janice Leahy** (friends of Debbie and Anita Hicks)

**Jeff McGee** (friend of Sharon Davis)

**Brad Weber** (friend of Virginia Baumann)

**Doug Germond** (husband of Kathy Germond in the CDC)

**Loretta Brown** (friend of D.D. and John Hendrickson)

**Nancy Dubois** (friend of D.D. and John Hendrickson)

**Dale & Ruth Winters** (friends of D.D. and John Hendrickson)

**Wayne Hartigan**

**Larry Fox** (brother of Gale Fox)

**Mary Kistner** (friend of Karen Wood)

**Hazel Woods** (Aunt of Jan Beaverson)

**Bob & Diana Polsgrove** (friends of D.D. Hendrickson)

**Betty Denton** (Sister of Sue Conn, former member)

**Monte Farmer** (brother-in-law of Margaret Hill and Regan Moore)

**J. B Price**

**Ruth Klingenfus**

**Linda Mahoney** (sister of Gale Fox)

**Aiden Johnson** (son of a co-worker of Maria McCarson)

**David Pagan** (nephew of Bob and Pat Payne)

**Jean Dugger** (co-worker and friend of Regina Bates)

**Kristen Hall** (CDC parent)

**Karen Bennett** (cousin of Melody Lindsey)

**Elena Dias** (niece of Richard Ray and granddaughter of Irene Lit-trell)

**Tommy Boone**

**Matthew Marshall** (grandson of Linda Heleringer)

**Tim Wilson** (family member of Rebecca Byford)

**Zachary Corcoran**

**Bill Herdt**

**Don and Camilla Crowder** (cousins of Melody Lindsey)

**Sara Hardin** (sister of Mark Lane)

**Stu Basore** (brother-in-law of Jan Beaverson);

**Gin Chaudoin**

**Janet Edgerton** (friend of Albert Harrison)

**Jamelle Norfleet** (friend of Linda Heleringer)

**Ralph Haskell** (cousin of Ann Finney)

**Millie Beaverson** (Jerry Beaverson's mother)

**Elaine Schmits** (mother of Laura Noe)

**Ruth Price**

**Michelle M. Hendrickson** (daughter of John and D.D. Hendrickson)

**Ed Stoess** (son of Jim and Ann Stoess)

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***We have found in this church a spiritual home  
where we learn to serve others,  
enjoy and glorify God,  
celebrate differences  
and follow faithfully the Lord Jesus Christ.***