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ONTO A CROSS, UNTO DEATH, INTO LIFE

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A Lenten Letter

We enter another Season of Lent this month. Six weeks each year our community comes together to acknowledge in a very particular way our “separation” from God, from one another, and even from our true selves. In prayer and with some more intentional conversations, studies, and worship we strive to “repent,” to “do penance” for all that we allow to pull us apart.

Of course, the focus on “sin” is not the only context for the season of Lent. This season also marks our participation in the journey of Jesus’ life: into Jerusalem, up to Calvary and the Cross, down to the tomb, all the way through his, and into our own, “redeemed life.” As we have been doing so far this year, let’s continue to see ourselves in the life and the love of Jesus. Let’s not find ourselves just reading about someone else (as wonderful a person as he must have been), but learning about ourselves, or at least about who we were created to be. This is our story too, remember. From our own lives: onto a cross, unto death, into new life. Our Lenten journey is our daily one, writ large for the whole world to see. It begins again this month, in the midst of all that you’ll read about in the pages ahead ...

As always, this month’s newsletter is full of many ministries, mission engagements, educational offerings, and fellowship opportunities. Take note of them all and get involved where you can and where you feel led. And then ... focus not on any one event, but on the season they lead us *through* and the life they call us *to* ...

See you in church,

Joel

Kathi Richards

Administrative Assistant

Monday-Friday

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

Marie Fledderman

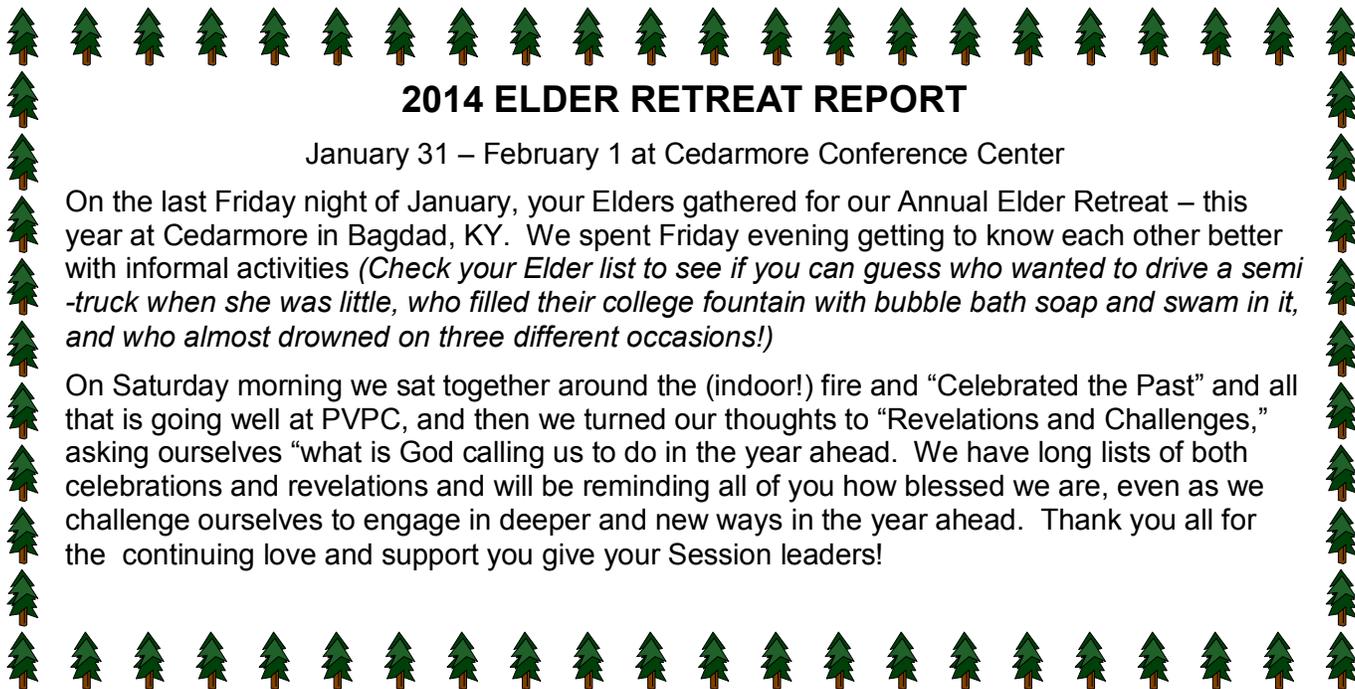
Bookkeeper

Monday-Tuesday

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

Wednesday

8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

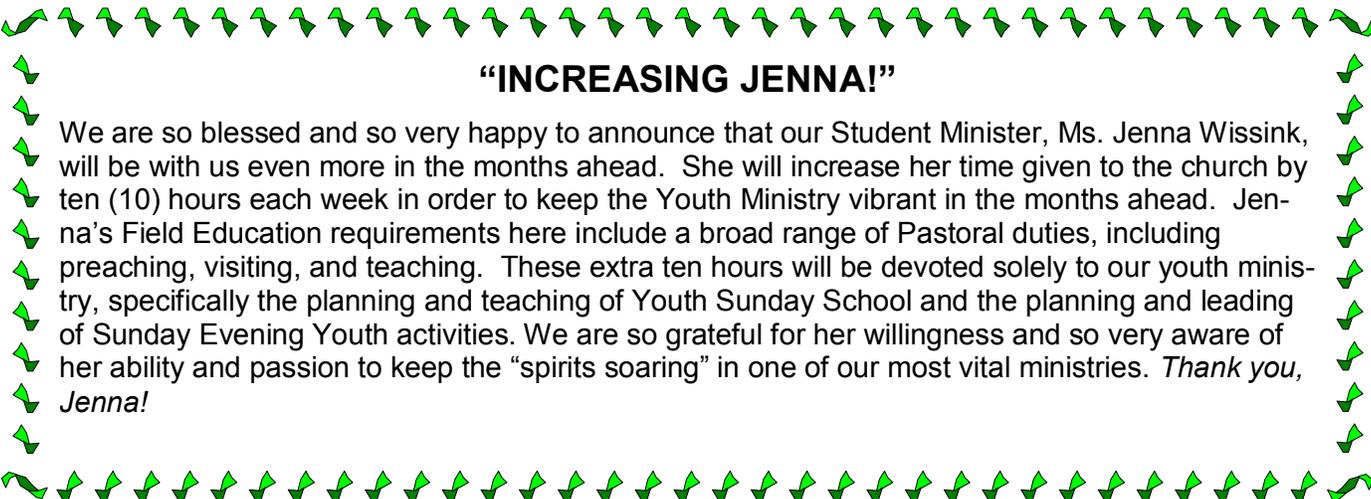


2014 ELDER RETREAT REPORT

January 31 – February 1 at Cedarmore Conference Center

On the last Friday night of January, your Elders gathered for our Annual Elder Retreat – this year at Cedarmore in Bagdad, KY. We spent Friday evening getting to know each other better with informal activities (*Check your Elder list to see if you can guess who wanted to drive a semi-truck when she was little, who filled their college fountain with bubble bath soap and swam in it, and who almost drowned on three different occasions!*)

On Saturday morning we sat together around the (indoor!) fire and “Celebrated the Past” and all that is going well at PVPC, and then we turned our thoughts to “Revelations and Challenges,” asking ourselves “what is God calling us to do in the year ahead. We have long lists of both celebrations and revelations and will be reminding all of you how blessed we are, even as we challenge ourselves to engage in deeper and new ways in the year ahead. Thank you all for the continuing love and support you give your Session leaders!



“INCREASING JENNA!”

We are so blessed and so very happy to announce that our Student Minister, Ms. Jenna Wissink, will be with us even more in the months ahead. She will increase her time given to the church by ten (10) hours each week in order to keep the Youth Ministry vibrant in the months ahead. Jenna’s Field Education requirements here include a broad range of Pastoral duties, including preaching, visiting, and teaching. These extra ten hours will be devoted solely to our youth ministry, specifically the planning and teaching of Youth Sunday School and the planning and leading of Sunday Evening Youth activities. We are so grateful for her willingness and so very aware of her ability and passion to keep the “spirits soaring” in one of our most vital ministries. *Thank you, Jenna!*

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30p

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 7, 2014

Streams in the Desert (about Egypt)

Please join us at LaGrange Presbyterian Church, 1901 Prestwick Dr., LaGrange, Kentucky, for the World Day of Prayer. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. Worship time is at 12:00 noon, lunch will be provided. Everyone is invited. 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.



"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 Filet of Cod ~ French Fries ~ Slaw

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

WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH & APRIL

Dinner is served at 5:45 in the Gym on these evenings. **Bell Choir Rehearsal** begins at 6:15 and our "**Program**" (listed below) begins at 6:20. Childcare is available every Wednesday evening.

Worship and Study Schedule

March 5: Ash Wednesday Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Pausing on the Road to Jerusalem: A Lenten Journey

March 12: Temptation

March 19: Atonement (Why the Cross?)

March 26: Theodicy (Why do good people suffer?)

April 2: NO DINNER OR STUDY (Spring Break)

April 9: The Place of Wealth

April 16: The Significance of Palm Sunday

ABOUT OUR WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDY THIS YEAR

As a Lenten study, Pausing on the Road to Jerusalem ends with anticipating--indeed aching for-- Easter Sunday. But Easter is another story and another study, albeit one that casts its light back over the preceding Lenten dim. The scriptural passages selected explore the great themes of Lent. Most of the Gospel readings are from Luke's Gospel, enriched, as is often the case in Lent, by several from John's Gospel. The great Lenten themes found in this study include: Temptation, Atonement--Why the Cross?; Theodicy--Why do good people suffer?; The place of wealth, and; The significance of Palm Sunday.

Neither Lent nor Advent is exactly "biblical," of course. But the days they each await--Easter and Christmas--recall events central to the story of Jesus in the Gospels. Over the centuries, Christians have found it helpful to prepare for the keeping of these two central biblical feasts of the Christian year with seasons that offer a shared discipline to ready our hearts and minds to celebrate our Savior's birth or resurrection. Lent, and originally Advent as well, has long been essentially penitential, that is, a time set aside for making sacrifices, for "giving things up for Lent," for rigorous self-examination, for honest confession. In recent years, however, many Christians have focused their Lenten preparation more on study and prayer. Nevertheless, such study and prayer occurs even as Jesus is on the way to Jerusalem, where he will meet betrayal and death. So the very act of study in Lent is *Lenten*; it cannot escape the shadow of the cross and invites us to engage the ancient Lenten themes of sacrifice, self-examination, and confession. We hope to see you on Wednesday nights this Lenten season as we journey together.

Cross-Bound: Our 2014 Daily Lenten Devotionals

from Presbyterians Today magazine

Jesus foretells his coming death twice as he heads toward his crucifixion. Instead of running away from suffering, he embraces it, step by step. He is bound for the cross, and by the end of his journey, he will be bound to the cross. He is, in a word, cross-bound.

Along his journey, Jesus challenges those around him to move toward the cross. He calls *us* to take up our cross and follow him, too. Jesus challenges us to put others before ourselves and join God's mission to transform the world in love. The cross-bound life seeks not to glorify the Christian but to glorify Christ. The cross-bound life serves and sacrifices and endures. It relies on Jesus' strength in order to follow Jesus' example of setting his face toward Calvary--not for his own benefit but for ours.

Like Jesus' original disciples, we often resist the cross. Our Lenten study invites us instead to embrace it. The devotion begins on Ash Wednesday, and with each day we will travel through the last week of Jesus' life as told in the Gospel of Luke. Each daily meditation includes a prayer and a Scripture reading.



A NOTE FROM THE CDC



Happy March, everyone! And to those of you who have Irish roots, Happy St. Patrick's Day! I know that Spring will eventually get here but it sure does seem like it's taking its sweet time this year. The children at the CDC (and the staff) all anxiously await the arrival of warmer weather so that we can get outside and run off some of the extra energy built up during this long, cold winter.



Many thanks to everyone that has kept their Kroger Fundraiser cards loaded. I know it's not always the easiest thing to remember to load it before shopping (I have trouble with that myself), but what it brings to the children is so valuable. I will be around the night of the Fish Fry with some new Kroger Fundraiser cards, so spread the word or keep it in mind if you're in need of a new card. Also, PLEASE keep turning in those empty ink cartridges. I just received a check from that sponsor in the amount of \$209.20 from what we turned in last year. I'm going to put the recycling box outside the CDC office door on Sunday mornings to help serve as a reminder and a place to put those cartridges. We have purchased a new bike in the gym with that money, and yes, that check basically covered the cost of one bike. We would love to be able to purchase another bike along with some additional gym equipment. So let's recycle!



We hope you might join us for some fun in March. We will have two Chapel services with the children, one on the 11th and another on the 26th. This is always a great time. We will also celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Monday, the 17th. If any of you have some interesting Irish heritage that you would like to share with the children of the CDC, we would love to arrange a time for you to come and share. Please call the CDC office at 241-0177 or email at cdcoffice@bluegrass.net.

Sincerely,
Sharon Davis, Director



Chapel Service With The *Child Development Center*

10:00 a.m. – Tuesday, March 11th and Wednesday, March 26th



We have two chapel services this month for the children in our care five days per 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!





Anniversaries

March

- 10** John & Linda Heleringer
- 14** Zack & Carole Logan
- 17** Rod & Carol Culver
- 17** David & Melody Lindsey
- 17** Larry & Sandy McCarson



Birthdays

March

- 08** Vivien Reinhardt
- 10** Sue Hohman
- 10** Melody Lindsey
- 12** Carol Warren
- 13** Wendy Jewell
- 15** Regan Moore
- 17** Caroline Davenport
- 19** Peggy Wood
- 20** Regina Bates
- 21** Ellen Weingardt
- 24** Julia Age
- 25** Gabriel Weible
- 28** Hailey Age
- 28** Jordan Bates
- 30** Alex Pappas
- 31** William Chaudoin
- 31** Julia Hood

Worship Attendance

February

02/02/14	10:30	93
02/09/14	10:30	57
02/16/14	10:30	85
02/23/14	10:30	76

Sunday Coffee Hour Schedule

03/02/14	Set-up	Rebecca Byford
	Clean-up	Patty Weeks & Lynne Anderson
03/09/14	Set-up	Connie & Larry Vice
	Clean-up	Holly Clark
03/16/14	Set-up	Betty & Tom Deibel
	Clean-up	Karen Wood & Beverly Pierce
03/23/14	Set-up	Carol & Ron Warren
	Clean-up	Anna & Andre Faul
03/30/14	Set-up	Jan Beaverson
	Clean-up	Lois & Bob Hicks

Children's Sermon

March

- 02** Joel Weible
- 09** Jenna Wissink
- 16** Lynne Anderson
- 23** Rick Fletcher
- 30** Kim Pappas

Children's Church

March

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

Acolytes

March

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

January 2014 Financial

	Current Month	Current Month	Year To Date	Year To Date Budget
Member Contributions	\$26,348.00	\$21,282.00	\$26,348.00	\$21,282.00
Loose Plate Offerings	\$157.00	\$267.00	\$157.00	\$267.00
CDC Contributions	\$7,710.00	\$7,705.00	\$7,710.00	\$7,705.00
All Other Income	\$2,118.00	\$2,310.00	\$2,118.00	\$2,310.00
Expenses	\$30,257.00	\$31,212.00	\$30,257.00	\$31,212.00

March Ushers-2014

- 03/02/2014 **Team 1** Larry and Connie Vice, Ron and Carol Warren
- 03/09/2014 **Team 2** Carol Culver; Adele Bolton, Vivien Reinhardt
- 03/16/2014 **Team 3** Tom and Betty Deibel, Zack and Carol Logan
- 03/23/2014 **Team 4** Ted Merhoff; Brad and Betsy Warren



PRAVERS
& CONCERNS

Becky Hartigan

Charlene Staats

Sidney Swinney (friend of Karen Wood)

Donna Stephan (sister of Karen Wood)

Bob & Dottie Brent (friends of John & D.D. Hendrickson)

Eugene Fultz (friend of Zack Logan)

Julie Taylor

Maria McCarson and Family

Ada Garrett (mother of Sue Hohman)

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)

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 Littrell)

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.***