

# The Chimes

First Presbyterian Church, 112 Aid Avenue, West Plains, MO February 2010



From Pastor Becky's desk

God's blessings on the new year for everyone! And thank you for all the expressions of sympathy for my mother. My sister and I were joined by extended family members at a memorial time, where we shared lots of pictures and stories of her as, "Mom," "Aunt Ruth," and "Grammy Ruth."

**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17**, marks the beginning of the six weeks of Lent, culminating in Easter. Once again, the Ministerial Alliance will hold weekly Wednesday evening services, varying the locations and preachers. A full calendar is included on the back; I'll just highlight here two things:

- I'll be the preacher at the Ash Wednesday service, held at the United Methodist church.
- We will host the service on March 17, and have a soup supper.

Lent offers a good opportunity for Christians to emphasize our faith development through spiritual practices, be it self-denial, increased prayer, devotional readings or other activities of faith—a new Bible study, perhaps, or attending the Weds. services. Take a look again at the calendar on the back; **a Ladies' Bible Study on Tuesdays at 6 pm** welcomes visitors any time. Try it out for good discussion and fellowship.

**Another important date: On Friday, Feb. 26, and Saturday, Feb. 27**, photographers from Olan Mills will be here to take photographs for our new church directory. Every family that sits for a portrait will get a free 8 x 10 and a directory; the book will have staff and activity pages as well as an address list in the back. In addition, our directory will be online, and we will be able to edit the online information as it changes.



Our local representative, who lives nearby in Nixa, has told me that families can get various group shots—the nuclear family, the extended family—and that the groups don't have to be church members. So this is a nice opportunity to get up-to-date family pictures. **To sign up**, choose your time on the sheet in Fellowship Hall each Sunday after Worship, or call the church office. Online reservations are also possible; more information will be coming out soon.

Whatever you choose, **act quickly to save the best time for you**. We want to include everyone who calls First Presbyterian "home," members and non-members alike.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Becky*

## Church Leadership

### Pastor:

Rev. Rebecca Kiser

### Elders:

Chrys Fisher, Clerk

Christena Coleman

Jack Garrett

Elizabeth Grisham

John Grisham

Ruth Hones

Robin Morgan

Bo Pace

Cary Stewart

### Deacons:

Elizabeth Barnard

Judy Bowles

Erika Garrett

Kay Garrett

Chris Herbolsheimer

Sunie Pace

Mindy Padgett

Carol Silvey

## February Birthdays

Jim Henry - 2nd

Amy Padgett Thomas - 8th

Camille Coleman - 11th

Marian McNevin - 11th

Teresa Skinner - 12th

Melonie Bunn - 13th

Kelly Dame - 17th

Joyce Bell - 18th

Jay Padgett - 18th

Seth Barry - 20th

Gordon Huggins - 20th

Devin Schmitt - 20th

Katy Emerson - 25th

Sam Grisham 28th

Sunie Pace - 29th

## February Anniversaries

Chuck and Sue Kimberlin - 9

Jeff and Janina West - 16

## Contact Information

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## For the Record

Sunday Attendance (December Average) 65

December Contributions \$15,095.50

December Expenses \$22,471.90

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If you have an item to be included in the newsletter, please email Susannah Curtis at susannah@tabletopart.org or leave a message: 417-256-2784. Deadline for submission is the 20th.



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And now abideth faith, hope, love... but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13 KJV

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Deacons Mtg. 5pm	2 Ladies' Bible Study 6 pm	3 Choir 7 p.m.	4	5	6
7 Confirmation class 4 pm	8	9 Ladies' Bible Study 6 pm	10 Choir 7 pm	11 Westminster Guild	12	13
14  Valentine Potluck: <b>Bring a dish &amp; your wedding photo &amp; enjoy lunch.</b>  <u>Communion</u> Confirmation class 4 pm	15	16 Ladies' Bible Study 6 pm	17 <i>ASH WEDS.</i> Choir 7 pm  <i>*Community Lenten Service 7 pm</i>	18 Session Mtg 6 pm	19	20
21 Confirmation class 4 pm	22	23 Ladies' Bible Study 6 pm	24 Choir 7 pm  <i>*Community Lenten Service 7 pm</i>	25	26 Photos: Call office to sign up!	27 Photos 
28 Confirmation class 4 pm						

Shading = Worship Service at 1st Presbyterian. Sun. morning: 10:00 am  
Sunday School classes for all ages, 9 am. A nursery is provided.

### LENTEN SERVICES in March:

**March 3** -- First Christian Church  
7:00 pm Service (Rev. Elliot Anderson)  
Coffee fellowship following

**March 10** -- All Saints' Episcopal Church  
6:00 pm Soup Supper  
7:00 pm Service (Rev. Mike Heston)

**March 17** -- First Presbyterian Church  
6:00 pm Soup Supper  
7:00 pm Service (Fr. Joe Weidenbenner)

**March 24** -- St. Paul Lutheran Church  
7:00 pm Service (Rev. Mike Kyle)



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### \*February Weds. Lenten Services

#### February 17 (Ash Wednesday)

First United Methodist Church

6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Service (Rev. Rebecca Kiser)

#### February 24 St. Mary's Catholic Church

6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Service (Rev. Mark Mildren)