

November/December
2014 Newsletter

Highlights of Heritage and Hope First Presbyterian Church of Finleyville



Letter from the Pastor-Kevin Young, C.L.P.

A common practice we discover in the Bible is that of anointing. The physical act of anointing is to touch, smear, or pour oil or some other substance on a person. The prophet Samuel anointed David with oil to be king. *1 Samuel 16:13* Mary anointed Jesus with costly perfume. *John 12:3* The word Christ as in Jesus Christ actually means, "anointed." Jesus is the Anointed One. He was baptized by John the Baptist, an anointing. The Holy Spirit settled upon Jesus as a dove, an anointing. Mary poured oil on his feet, an anointing. Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."* *Luke 4:18* Here is a wonderful thought. Jesus, the Anointed One, anoints you! "But you have been anointed by the Holy One." *1 John 2:20* "But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us." *2 Corinthians 1:21* We see this clearly in the act of baptism, the water as the visible expression of the anointing presence of the Holy Spirit. Three words help us to remember the significance of anointing: sign, seal, and sending. A sign. As a sign an anointing is the visible expression of an invisible reality of love. When I kiss my grandson it is a sign of my love, a visible expression of my love. Through the anointing of your baptism, our Lord is saying to us, this is a sign that I love you! A seal. As a seal an anointing is a mark of belonging, of ownership. When you sign a legal document a person called a notary public puts a seal on the document to verify that the signature belongs to you. When you are baptized it is a sign that you are God's beloved and it is also a seal marking you with the Holy Spirit as belonging to God. A sending. The prophet Samuel anointed David with oil to be king and the Spirit of God came mightily on David. God had a mission in mind for David and God has a mission in mind for you in the power of the Spirit! Our Lord has shaped you for loving service and given his Spirit to sustain you. In your anointing our Lord is saying, "By this sign I tell you I love you, by this seal I mark you as my own, and by this sending with the Spirit I have work for you to do.

Peace,
Pastor Kevin

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* The Session Meeting is Sunday, November 23 following the fellowship lunch.

Deacons: Donna Pasquinelli (724-348-5935), Jean Cushey, Linda Fleischer

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the Love Fund as we attempt to continue to follow Jesus' example of love and caring for one another.

If you know of anyone who is in need of assistance during the upcoming holiday season, please let a Deacon or the church office know.

The **2014 Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 14 following the Worship Service and Christmas Lunch.

Christian Education

Adult Sunday School: 9:15AM—in the Upper Room. All are welcome!

Children & Youth Programming:

Sunday School meets each Sunday after the discipleship message.

A nursery is available during the worship service.



Fellowship Hour



Please join us for Fellowship each Sunday, following the worship service. Once a month, a lunch will be provided for fellowship. If you are able to help with fellowship lunches, please see Denise.

The Fellowship Lunches will be on Nov. 23 and Dec. 14 (Christmas Lunch)

Gleaners

The Gleaners are selling Wagner's Chocolate \$2.00. Chocolate covered pretzels, chocolate covered oreos and chocolate covered marshmallows. Please contact the Gleaners if you would like to purchase chocolates or if you would like to take a box to sell.

The next Gleaner's Meeting is Nov. 8 at 11:00 am. The Christmas lunch will be on Dec. 8 – the place will be announced soon!

Please contact Joanna Morgan at 724-348-8056 for more information about the Gleaners.

Mission

Love in a Basket & Baby Hats



We are continuing to collect baby hats and supplies in the baskets in the sanctuary.



The Christmas Joy Offering

will be collected during the worship service on Sunday, December 21. This offering is distributed through the Presbyterian Church USA and 50% is used for assistance programs of the Board of Pensions and 50% is used to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Washington City Mission

With donations from church members and the church community, the Gleaners purchased 2 new stoves for the church kitchen. We donated the commercial stove to the Washington City Mission.

Please see the information on the bulletin board about the work that the Washington City Mission does and how our donations and are put to work in the community.



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will meet on Saturdays, November 8 and December 13 at 9:00 am at the Beach House Restaurant.

Welcome to new members Michael and Beth Archer. They were received into membership on September 21, 2014.

Blessings on the birth of Alice Violet Fleischer who was born on October 10, 2014. Congratulations to the new parents, Kendra and Matthew Fleischer and grandparents, Linda and Richard Fleischer.



Election Day

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014

**Veterans Day,
Tuesday,
November 11**



Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 27, 2014

1 Chronicles 16:34

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever"

Interfaith Events

- **The Interfaith Thanksgiving Food Drive** will be held November 2-9. Please bring your donations of canned and non-perishable food items to the church. They will be distributed to local families in need.
- **The Thanksgiving Worship Service** will be held at Mingo Church on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 7 pm.
- **The Thanksgiving Dinner** will be held at St. Francis Finley Hall on Thanksgiving Day (November 27) at 12:00 pm. Our church is to provide a turkey, mashed potatoes and stuffing. If you can help with any of these, please contact the church office.
- **Good Samaritan Offering** —November 30 and December 7
This collection is used to help local families in need during the holiday season.

Church Decorating

*Come help decorate the church
for Christmas!*

*Saturday, November 29
at 11:00 am*



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday,

December 24

7:00 pm

Christmas Events

December 14:

*Christmas Lunch following
worship*

December 21:

*Too Many Tubas (during
worship)*

Christmas Joy Offering

*Watch the church bulletins and
website for more information on
ordering poinsettias.*

Interested in joining the church?

Please call Pastor Kevin, the church office or see a session member for more information.

Choir News

The choir meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am to rehearse. All are welcome!



**Ask God for the right words and invite someone to
church, let's fill the pews!**