



# RANGE LINE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2012

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THE MESSENGER

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*"Serving God  
With Love and Joy  
As We Reach Out  
to All People"*

### Fall Worship Schedule:

Christian Education 9:30 am  
Worship Service 10:30 am  
Join us for fellowship  
after worship.



*Please plan on joining us for this very special day*

*Sunday, February 26th at 3:00 pm*

*We will install Rev. Jeff Deardorff as pastor at  
Range Line Community Presbyterian church.*

*Pastor Jeff was called to our church as a designated  
pastor. He will be installed as such. If at the end of  
the three year contract or sooner, we call him to be  
our permanent pastor, he will be installed again as  
our called pastor.*

*We expect many guests from Presbytery and many of Pastor Jeff's  
friends from Arlington.*

*We will serve a celebration dinner after the service.*

*Come and bring a friend!*





*I attend a Pastor's group from our Northwest quadrant each week. The following is a schedule of events that we have planned this year. It is good to work together as a connectional church.*

**SHARED MINISTRIES 2012 SCHEDULE**

**OFFICER TRAINING/SESSION SUPPORT**

**Joint Officer Training** 2/18/2012 8:00 to 11:15  
 8:00 to 8:30 – Opening worship – Paul  
 8:45 to 10:15 – Deacons (Bill) Elders (Laura) (nFOG)  
 10:30 to 11:15 – What's Next? Jody – follow up to our gathering in May 2011

**Records and Review** at Highland March 24<sup>th</sup> – adding some informational and support work for Sessions & Clerks developed by us – intro to new FOG; your Manual of Operations, etc. Work with Linda Long to prepare for event.

**LENT AND EASTER SHARED WORSHIP/LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

**PUBLICITY DEADLINE:** flyers, bulletin inserts, newsletter blurb – 1/16/2012 Highland prepares initial materials

Begins with a **Pulpit exchange** on Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday, 2/19/12, to promote cooperative ministry: Dyer, Highland, Hobart, Merrillville, Range Line and Schererville. Preacher provides church to be visited with texts and sermon title; church prepares bulletin for own site as usual. Any site specific requirement beyond preaching is negotiated between host pastor and guest pastor. Deadline for providing information is 2/12/12.

**Dyer – service at 10:15 – Rev. Dr. Jeff Deardorff 720-383-8480**

Highland – service at 10:30 – Rev. Bill Hudson 219-484-9135  
 Hobart – service at 10:30 – Rev. Dr. Laura Reason 815-822-0557  
 Merrillville – service at 9:30 – Rev. Jody Noble 419-306-4591

**Range Line – service at 10:30 - Rev. Jeff Carter 219-616-5250**

Schererville – service at 10:00 - Rev. Paul Anderson 219-776-3305

**Lenten Wednesdays** *Shared Lenten 6:30- 8:00 (soup and bread meal)*

*Using "Becoming a Contagious Christian" Lessons on sharing our faith will be led by Jeff Carter*

Ash Wednesday is a meal and a service – Bill prepares service

All other Wednesdays – host church/pastor provides meal and sets up for teaching space Other support services provided as requested by Jeff

2/22 – Ash Wednesday hosted by Merrillville (Highland's pianist to play)

2/29 – hosted by Range Line Testimonial – Laura Reason

3/7 – hosted by Highland Testimonial – Paul Anderson

3/14 – hosted by Schererville Testimonial – Jeff Carter

3/21 – hosted by Dyer Testimonial – Jody Noble

3/28 – hosted by Hobart Testimonial – Bill Hudson

**HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday, 4/1/12 - 5:00 PM** Merrillville will host ***a Seder Meal***

Sign ups in local churches for planning and set up purposes, info to Bill by 3/28

We can also have sign ups on Wednesday evenings

**Maundy Thursday 4/5/12** – will host in our individual congregations – sharing schedules for informational purposes.

**Good Friday 4/6/12 – 7:00 PM** – Highland – Taize Service will use Good Friday texts and focus

**Holy Saturday 4/7/12 - 7:00 PM** – Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday 4/8/12** – we will celebrate in our individual congregations – sharing schedules for informational purposes.

**Range Line will have their own Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm. We will host the quadrant on Feb. 29th. The other Wednesday night services are available for you to attend. We plan to carpool from Range Line. Please let Pastor Jeff know if you are interested**

## Walking in the Wilderness –The Journey of Lent

Let's take a walk together during this season of Lent. As we start this season we sense it should be a time of introspection. We run so fast in life we do not always look within our hearts and souls to see how we have become.

Jesus began his ministry by a time of testing and introspection in the wilderness. There were dangers there of wild animals and the hardships of cold at night and the hot sun of the day. Yet, there were other dangers for Jesus. For 40 days, which represents a long time in Bible language, Jesus was tested by Satan. Jesus was threatened by Satan in every way possible. Finally, Jesus said that we do not live by bread alone, but by the Word of God.

What are the things that tempt us to worship something else besides God? Ultimately our desire and security often comes before God in our lives. Yet, in this season of lent we discover again that our lives totally depend on the Lord. Our health, our breathing, our very lives depend on God's mercy. In lent we ponder what that means for us. The bonus is that we do not depend on a vengeful or distant God! We depend on a loving God who came in Christ to forgive us and make us whole. As we walk though the wilderness we find that we are not alone on our journey and during the scary times. We have a loving God who shows us the way and guides us through Jesus' teachings and example.

Will you walk with me to take this inward journey of discovery? Will you join together with others to see what God wants of us in this New Year? Come, join me on the journey of lent!



Lent Begins February 22

Join us for an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm



## Summary of Session News for December 2011 and January 2012

The Session of Range Line Community Presbyterian Church met for their regular monthly meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup> 2011. We met again for regular meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> 2012. Our meetings are opened with prayer by Pastor Jeff Deardorff. There was a quorum in attendance at each of these meetings.

We also had a Called Congregational Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2012.

The current dockets and minutes from previous meetings were presented and approved.

Reports from the Moderator, Clerk of Session, and Treasurer were presented and approved at each Session Meeting.

Committee reports were reviewed and accepted. Here are some highlights of the work of the Session Committees. Please note I have not included names of Session members on each committee here. We were in transition between December and January which involved the “old” and “new” members. Committee assignments were discussed at the January Meeting so watch future Session News for a new “Who’s Who” on your Session Committees.

### **Fellowship & Hospitality/Mission & Evangelism**

Committee continues working on mission projects. We hope to do some sort of Mission Project during the summer months. The Christmas Eve Joy Offering was divided between Good Samaritan Mission Ministries and Hands of Love with each receiving a donation of over \$500.00. Approval was given during the January meeting for 2012 Fund Raising Events for Presbyterian Women and other Special fund raisers as they occur.

### **Stewardship, Finance & Administration/Building & Grounds**

Committee has finalized Pastor Package which will be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting in February. As of the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting \$65,002.00 in regular pledges and \$8,300.00 in pledges to Building Fund had been received. The nominating committee had completed the slate of officers for 2012 which were presented for election at the January 8<sup>th</sup> 2012 Congregational Meeting. New Elders are Dorothy Parks, Judy Sharp and Susie Hayden for 3 year terms and Dale Straughen for a 1 year term. Eddie Kubisz will be our youth elder. New Deacons are Karen Drabik and Maxine Green. The nominating committee for 2012 is Tony Blank, Katrina Slosser, Bobbie Kormendy Allen Dockweiler as Deacon and Betsy Kubisz and Chari Hayden as Elders and Co-Chairs. Range Line Community Presbyterian Church has paid our Per Capita and Mission Partnership to Presbytery of Wabash Valley for a total of \$6,965.60 which fulfills our pledge amount for 2011. Other topics being considered are the purchase of a storage barn to be used to store tables and chairs etc. Prices are being researched.

Audit Committee has met and audited “all” books on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2012...

### **Worship & Music/Christian Ed**

Committee was busy during the month of December practicing under the direction of Rose Deardorff for the wonderful presentation of “The Unfriendly Beasts” by the Children of the Church. It was a wonderful program and a joy to see so many participants. They hope to have future programs and special events in the coming year.

2012 Communion dates have been approved for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month (with exceptions as needed) and other special holidays or celebrations. Plans are underway for Lenten Season so watch for special Services or dates in upcoming Messengers and in the Weekly Bulletins.

This is just a brief update on Session Activities. Please feel free to ask “What’s Up”. Session members work hard as a Your Session and as a part of the Committee they represent. Please feel free to offer your support and help as there is much work to do in keeping our Church “Open and Running”. Let them know you care about this *Family of Friends* as much as they do. We must all be dedicated in faith and harmony to support our House of Worship we all call “**HOME**”.

*May your days be filled with Blessings and Peace during the Coming Year.*

Submitted by Janet Moore – Clerk of Session



# ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, February 5th**  
**Immediately following the**  
**worship service.**  
**Potluck will follow the meet-**  
**ing. Bring a dish to share and**  
**stay for fellowship**



## Sermons for February

Feb.5-Mark1:29-39-Are You Healed?

Feb12- Mark 1:40-45- Make Me Whole

Feb19- Pulpit Exchange with Dyer Presbyterian Church

Feb. 26-Mark9:2-9-Transformed

Feb26-3 pm

Jeff's Installation Service with Meal to follow

On January 22nd, new officers of the church were ordained and installed. We welcome them and thank them for giving their time.

## Session members

Dorothy Parks—ordained and installed

Judy Sharp—installed

Ed Kubisz, youth elder—ordained and installed

Susie Hayden—installed (absent)

Dale Straughen—installed for 1 year term

## Deacon members

Maxine Green—installed

Karen Drabik—installed

We also thanked the members whose terms have ended.

Jerry Hayden, Dale Straughen, Allan Nethery

Presbyterian Women also installed new officers at their December meeting.

Roylene Blackmon—Moderator

Barb Asher—Vice-Moderator

Bev Laszlo—Secretary

Bobbi Kormendy—Treasurer

Thank you to Karen Drabik and Norma Lance for their service.

**Presbyterian Women's next meeting will be February 21st at 6:30. All women of the church are welcome and encouraged to come to our meetings!**



**There will be a joint Session/  
Deacon planning meeting follow-  
ing church on Feb. 12th. Please  
bring a sack lunch. Soup will be  
provided. Think about any dates  
you want on the calendar this  
year.**

**COMING UP AT RANGE LINE:**

- Feb. 1—Monthly Dinner 4:30—7:00 pm
- Feb. 5—Annual meeting following worship  
potluck to follow
- Feb. 8—Committee night 7:00 pm
- Feb. 11—Shower in fellowship hall
- Feb. 12—Session & Deacon retreat after fellowship
- Feb. 15—Session meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb. 16—Allen land auction in fellowship hall 6:00 pm
- Feb. 19—Pulpit supply with Rev. Jeff Carter preaching
- Feb. 21—Presbyterian Women meeting 6:30
- Feb. 22—Ash Wednesday service 7:00 pm
- Feb. 26—Pastor Jeff's installation 3:00 pm
- Feb. 28—Presbytery meeting
- Feb. 29—Lenten Service—soup and bread



- Happy Birthday to....*
- Feb. 4—Dawn Tokarz
  - Feb. 8—Joe Kormendy
  - Feb. 10—Corbin Blank
  - Feb. 14—Carl Skinner  
Richard Parkhurst
  - Feb. 23—Ed Carter
  - Feb. 23—Nevaeh Fritts

*Happy Anniversary to...*

- Feb. 24—Chris & Tammie Frey
- Feb. 26—Bruce & Dorisann McNeill

To our new members/visitors. If you could give me your address/email, I'll get you on the mailing list. There are some information forms for birthdates, etc. on the table in the narthex.

Join us for Christian Education every Sunday at 9:30. Children attendance is picking up and they will be planning another opportunity to participate in the worship service soon. The adult class is well attended and always have a lively discussion!



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Vernon Childress    | Lillian Schoon    |
| Alice Rinckenberger | Gladys Osburn     |
| Del & Alice Jones   | Laura Fitzpatrick |
| Jim Morrow          | Jane Mast         |
| Sonja VanderTuuk    | Cartwright family |

If you know someone who should be on the Prayer List, please contact the church at (219) 996-8746 or rlp@netnitco.net. For pastoral emergency call Pastor Jeff at 720-383-8480. His email address is jld1517@yahoo.com



**Food pantry hours are by appointment. Call the church first to make sure someone is here. 996-8746 or Pastor Jeff's cell phone 720-383-8480.**

**We can always use donations if you find some good sale items this month!**

**2011 SESSION MEMBERS AND THE MINISTRY TEAMS THEY SERVE**

- Moderator—Rev. Jeff Deardorff    Clerk of Session—Janet Moore
- Stewardship, Finance & Administration/Buildings & Grounds  
Jerry Moosmiller, Dale Straughen, Bill Slosser
- Worship & Music/Christian Education & Youth  
Betsy Kubisz, Chari Hayden, Judy Sharp
- Fellowship & Hospitality/Mission & Evangelism  
Barb Jurs, Susie Hayden, Dorothy Parks
- Deacons— Allen Dockweiler, Maxine Green, Nancy Nethery,  
Bev Laszlo, John Jurs, Karen Drabik,



**PLEASE HELP THEM OUT BY SERVING ON A MINISTRY TEAM THIS YEAR!**

*You can come each month to committee meetings the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm or just offer to volunteer for lay leader, childcare, special music, greeter for a month, usher, serve refreshments one Sunday. Be involved in your church family!!*



## **PORK LOIN DINNER**

Wednesday, February 1st

4:30—7:00 pm

### **Monthly Dinner**

*Tickets are now available. Come and help out if you can!*

### **THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to all who helped with our Christmas missions. Pastor Jeff and Barb Jurs delivered the Angel tree presents, food baskets and hams. They were very much appreciated.

There are pictures that Peggy Bushore brought from her trip to Africa and delivery of the goodies donated. They will be doing a presentation during worship in the coming month about their trip

The Good Samaritan Mission in Gary also received a donation from the Christmas Eve service. The Presbyterian Women delivered items to the women's mission.

Watch for some day trip opportunities this year. **THANKS** again for giving so generously!



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