



# RANGE LINE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2011

THE MESSENGER

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

### Worship Schedule:

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

## Worship Schedule for February

Feb. 6—Rev. Marge Egger—Communion will be served

New officers ordained/installed  
Annual meeting after worship

Feb. 13—Shawn Will—Lay pastor from Hebron

Feb. 20—Rev. Ken Locke—Yes that’s right! Ken is coming up to perform Derek Hoot’s wedding ceremony here at the church on Feb. 19th. He will do the worship service on the 20th!

Feb. 27—Dr. Al Martin—Lay pastor from Lowell Methodist

Thank you to the Worship Committee for all the work they doing filling our pulpit every week!



## Family Fun

Christian Ed is sponsoring a bowling party at Hebron Lanes on March 5th following church and fellowship (approx. 12:30) Any church member is invited to attend. The cost will be \$2.50 per game plus \$1.25 for shoe rental. There is a pizza place at the bowling alley, where lunch will be available. Come join the fun on a winter afternoon!!

## Summary of January 20<sup>th</sup> Combined Session & Deacon Meeting “Old & New Members”

- The meeting was opened and closed with prayer by our appointed moderator Rev. Marge Egger.
- The Docket was accepted and previous minutes were approved.
- Clerk’s report recorded Communion was served by Rev. Marge Egger to approximately 68 persons on December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service. Clerk also noted the Death of Member Clarence Bradley on December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010 will be recorded into the “Book of Life”.
- Treasurer’s report for December was presented and accepted. It was noted that pledges are down for the year. If you have not pledged please consider doing so.
- Allen Dockweiler was present as the newly elected Moderator and gave an update of there meeting of Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Nancy Nethery has been elected as secretary for 2011. The Deacons plan on doing follow-up calls after cards have been sent. They hope to reach out to members of the congregation. We appreciate all they do during this transition time when we are without a Pastor.
- DPNC will be conducting a phone interview and are waiting on more names to do interviews with. They will be updating information at the Annual Meeting.
- **MISSION & EVANGELISM:** Committee Continues to work on organization of the Food Pantry. Some shelving has been purchased with a portion of the money received from Eagle Creek Township. Rosie Morrow is working with them on setting up a day to be advertised that the pantry will be open. Motion was approved for locksmith to re-key some of the locks on outside and office doors.
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Committee has plans for a (all-church) bowling outing on March 5<sup>th</sup> with pizza. Committee will be ordering Live BIG one big room leaders’ guide and will be using this for our Sunday School Curriculum this year. Betsy Kubisz has resigned as rhythm band instructor due to a lack of attendance.
- **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE:** Committee is gathering information needed for a meeting with our insurance agent to see if our policy needs upgrade as to church contents. The Audit of the Treasurers’ book along with books of Presbyterian Women and the Men’s Club has been completed. Presented the list of members that will be moved to inactive as of December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **WORSHIP & MUSIC:** Committee continues to work on pulpit supply. Motion was made and approved to set Communion dates in 2011 for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter, Christmas Eve and the first Sunday of each month (as long as there is an ordained Pastor available...if not, the date will be moved.).
- **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Committee reports “the sign is up and running” new light installed in parking lot. The committee is also working along with PW on the new flooring and painting scheduled for the fellowship hall.
- **FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERCARE:** Committee presented a motion to re-instate as per 12/18/08 motion for a fund raiser committee replacing Norma Tyler with Shirley Moosmiller and to change dates in motion to 2011. This will be revisited each year as needed. Committee also placed a motion for session approval for Presbyterian Women to hold their various fund raisers during the year. Motion was approved.
- **OLD & NEW BUSINESS:** Session approved the March 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 baptism of Toby Jones infant son of Kelly Jones who resides in England. Rev. Marge Egger will be holding a Retreat on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2011 for Elders on Session and Deacons for the coming terms.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP YOUR SESSION MEMBERS, DEACONS AND THE DPNC IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AS THEY CONTINUE TO LOOK AFTER THE BUSINESS AND NEEDS OF OUR CONGREGATION!!**

Thanks,

Submitted By: Janet Moore - Clerk of Session

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If you were not at the annual meeting, your copy of the annual report is at the church. If you want it mailed or emailed to you, let me know. Susie

## Monthly Dinners



Since June of 2009 the session has sponsored the 1st Wednesday of the month dinners. This has proven to be not only financially successful, but the value of church family working together and the interest the community has shown is invaluable. Thanks to those who pioneered this endeavor and set the bar high. KUDOS!!!! Shirley Moosmiller and Nancy Nethery have agreed to co-chair the planning of the meals for 2011. Many of our loyal fans commented that they were so happy that we are continuing the dinners. They appreciate the meals, the cost and the chance to mix and mingle with others in a very pleasing atmosphere. Our

January "Roylene's Chicken Noodle" Dinner served 167 people and made a monetary profit of \$1051.00!! We've been averaging about 150 people each month. March will feature "**Corned Beef and Cabbage**"

Shirley and Nancy have planned out the menus for the whole year. The Men's club will be helping with a couple of them. The very popular pork chop dinner will be held in April and again in August. Thanks to everybody that helps. These are truly an all church event that needs the help and support of everyone. Even if it's just donating a dessert or attending the dinner and eating!! Several ladies (and once in awhile an occasional man) work on Tuesdays before the dinner and are there most of the day on Wednesdays. If enough would volunteer, some of us wouldn't have to work every month!! We could just come, sit down, and eat! Each month there is a sign up sheet. Please consider helping out when you can.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will be attending a craft fair on February 19th to sell their nutrolls. If you would like to place an order for your "Valentine" give Bobbi Kormendy a call 696-6426. \$10.00 each for walnut, pecan, cream cheese, poppyseed, apricot, apricot cream cheese, or prune.**

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- **THANK YOU** to Dr. Alple of times the past few church to use for mission! yourself!!



Martin. He has been here to preach a couple weeks. He donated his pay back to the church. Take his good deed and pay it forward

- We survived the **Blizzard of 2011!** The soup supper had to be postponed. Thanks to the Hayden boys for plowing ALL THAT SNOW!!! Also Zach and Conner for shoveling those walks!
- **THANK YOU** to Rev. Marge Egger. On top of serving as our moderator...she also took the time on a Saturday morning to do a mini retreat with our session and deacons.
- **THANK YOU** to the people that scraped the fellowship hall. They spent a lot of times on their knees (praying of course) and even on their backs! It saved us a lot of money. Presbyterian Women's hard work will soon be realized as the hall will get painted and new flooring down.

*I love putting in the Good News....there is a box in the narthex if you would like to put in something good you have seen somebody doing around the church.*

The Deacons have been really doing a great job keeping in touch with members. (See their report in the annual report) Nancy Nethery has sent many, many cards for birthdays, thinking of you, sympathy, thank you's, etc. If you would consider buying some of the boxed cards sets, or maybe you have some in a desk drawer, they would be appreciated! Any donations of stamps would be helpful too. If you know of someone that needs a call, or visit, please tell one of them.



Vernon Childress has moved into the assisted living in Chicagoland Christian Village. He would appreciate any visits, calls, or cards. Let's not forget about him and all he has done for this church! His address is:

Chicagoland Christian Village...Vernon Childress Room 135A 6685 East 117th Avenue Crown Point, IN 46307 219-663-7666

*Live, Laugh, Love on Valentine's Day*

Live, laugh and love is a saying we hear so very often. But what does the Bible say about living, laughing and loving; and how can you do all three this Valentine's Day?

**Live**

...be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Ephesians 5:19

**Laugh**

He will yet fill your mouth with laughing, And your lips with rejoicing. Job 8:21

**Love**

Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. Luke 6:30-36

As you can see, the Lord wants us to live, laugh and love. He wants us to truly live. Not just to sustain our existence but to be filled with His spirit and praise him. The Lord wants us to laugh with the joy of the gift of love that He is, and to love unconditionally as He does.

Of course, you want to live, laugh and love according to the scriptures daily. But with Valentine's Day coming up, you may be wondering how you can live a little fuller, laugh a little louder and love with the fullness of your heart. Here's a few ideas I came up with to do just that.

**Live**

Sing 'Day by Day' all day long on Valentine's Day.

Here's the words: Day by day...Day by day...Oh Dear Lord...Three things I pray...To see thee more clearly

Love thee more dearly...Follow thee more nearly...Day by day

**Laugh**

Unconditional Love

Yes, God loves us all, but He favors "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"

God is like..

Allstate: You're in good hands.

♥ Alka-Seltzer: Try him, you'll like Him

Tide: He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

♥ Sears: He has everything.

A Ford: He's got a better idea.

♥ Hallmark Cards: He cared enough to send the very best.

Bayer Aspirin: He works miracles.

♥ Alberto Vo-5: He holds through all kinds of weather.

Delta: He's ready when you are.

♥ Scotch Tape: You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

Coke: He's the real thing.

The US Post Office: Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail will keep Him from His appointed rounds.

Dial Soap: Aren't you glad you've got Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

General Electric: He brings good things to life.

♥ Forbidden Fruit A forbidden fruit will create many jams.

**Love**

Spread God's love through Valentine cards with those who will be alone on Valentine's Day. You can [make cards with construction paper and craft supplies](#) or make cards on your computer with free [Christian Valentine Graphics](#).

Think of those who really need the Lord's love and yours. Perhaps someone in a nursing home, some one recently widowed, a youth away at college with no boyfriend/girlfriend, etc. Spread a little love around this Valentine's Day!

MISSION



IMPOSSIBLE??

MISSION POSSIBLE!!!

## MISSION 52

Each year our church makes a pledge to the Presbytery to pay an amount to their mission opportunities. This is divided up between our Presbytery (\$900), Synod (\$600) and General Assembly (\$400) We have a self-determined mission budget for use in our own community (\$1500). We use that to help people with Nipsco bills by sending money each year to the South County Community Services where Nipsco will match what we give to pay towards someone's bill. We also use that money to buy gas cards, food pantry needs and other needs that come up during the year.

The past few years, we have struggled to pay our mission pledge to the Presbytery. Pastor Rose shared an idea that had been used in one of her other churches. **MISSION 52** ...the idea is for all who are able to give just \$1.00 a week for 52 weeks...that will go towards are mission pledge. After that is paid, the balance will stay in our self-determined mission fund. Who can't afford \$1.00 a week ?? Keep your eyes open, you could probably find that much in change on the ground...Save some of your change you get back from purchases during the week...There will be special envelopes in the chairs marked **MISSION 52**. You can put in your \$1.00 each week, or pay monthly. Just think about the ways that you waste a \$1.00 each week. Please consider helping out our mission committee this year.



Did you ever see the Pixar movie, "Up"? If so, then you know that Mr. Fredricksen ties so many helium balloons to his house that he is able to fly all the way to South America!!! He couldn't do that with just one (or two or three) balloons. He had to have a HUGE number of balloons lifting his house together in order to make that journey.

It's the same thing with the church Per Capita share to the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. It's not a tax or a fee. Instead, it's US doing our part to lift the church and help it along on its journey. When we members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) pay our per capita, we are acting like those individual helium balloons that, when joined together, were able to do amazing things.

The 2011 Per Capita share is broken down in this way: Our presbytery receives **\$25.80**. Our synod receives **\$3.81**. And our General Assembly receives **\$6.50**. The total is **\$36.11** for each member in our presbytery (similar amounts are received throughout our denomination). \$36.11 isn't a huge amount of money. But when you multiply that amount by every Presbyterian in our region, then it becomes significant and CAN help lift the ministry of the Presbyterian Church UP and move it toward wherever God is leading us!

-With Thanks to The Rev. Kim Olson,  
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Whitelick Presbyterian Church

**COMING UP AT RANGE LINE:**

- Feb. 1—Choir rehearsal at 6:30  
(and every Monday at 6:30)
- Feb. 9—"Men's Club Soup Supper" monthly  
dinner 4:30—7:00
- Feb. 10—Committees meet at 7:00 pm
- Feb. 18—Session meeting 7:00 pm
- Mar. 2—Corned Beef & Cabbage monthly  
dinner 4:30—7:00
- Mar. 5—All church bowling party—12:30 Hebron Lanes



- Happy Birthday to.....**  
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 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

*Do I have your important dates? Let me know if you are not appearing in the Messenger. Susie*



**Have you pledged to the work of your church yet? So far we have received \$56,548 from 27 pledging units. Please consider what you can give to the church this year.**

Have You Pledged Yet??

**KEYS**

**THE SESSION IS WORKING ON GETTING THE OUTSIDE DOORS REKEYED FOR SECURITY REASONS. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN THIS IS DONE.**



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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| Vernon Childress   | Lillian Schoon |
| Alice Rinkenberger | Gladys Osburn  |
| Dell & Alice Jones |                |

If you know someone who should be on the Prayer List, please contact the church at (219) 996-8746 or rlpc@netnitco.net. For pastoral emergency you may call Pastor Rose at home 696- 6091

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

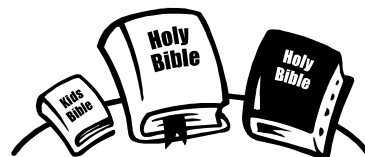
*With the session going down to nine, committee assignments have not been made yet.*

- Moderator—Rev. Marge Egger Clerk of Session—Janet Moore
- Buildings & Grounds—Jerry Hayden and Allan Nethery
- Christian Education & Youth—Chari Hayden and Bill Slosser
- Evangelism & Mission— Barb Jurs ?
- Fellowship & Membercare— Norma Lance
- Stewardship, Finance & Administration — Jerry Moosmiller and Dale Straughen
- Worship & Music — Betsy Kubisz
- Deacons— Allen Dockweiler, Carl Skinner, Maxine Green, Nancy Nethery, Bev Laszlo, John Jurs

**PLEASE HELP THEM OUT BY SERVING ON A MINISTRY TEAM THIS YEAR!**  
*You can come each month to committee meetings the second Thursday 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!!*

**FOOD PANTRY**

**OUR FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY. THERE IS NOT ALWAYS SOMEONE AT THE CHURCH, SO CALL SUSIE 746-5719 OR ROSIE 996-4572 I WAS TOLD THAT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LOWELL HAS PLENTY OF FOOD AND MEAT TO GIVE TO THOSE IN NEED IN OUR TOWNSHIPS. THEY ARE OPEN ON THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH.**



**Ministry Team**



## Monthly Dinners

Our monthly dinner will be held on

Wednesday, February 9, 2010

*Due to postponement from last week's blizzard*

4:30—7:00

### “Men’s Club Soup Supper”

Chicken Noodle—Oyster—Chili

Vegetable Beef—Potato

Bread

Dessert & Drink included

Adults \$8.00 - Children 6-12 \$4.00

Next dinner—Mar. 2—Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner



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*To everyone at the home of:*

